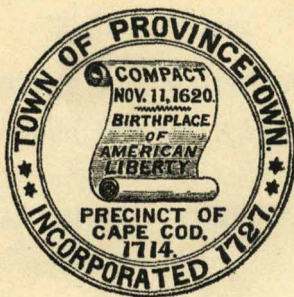


Town Reports and Records
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
PROVINCETOWN, MASS.
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1953



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TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Officers for the Year 1953

SELECTMEN

Joseph E. Matta, Chairman
William A. White Frank H. Barnett, Clerk

ASSESSORS

Frank H. Barnett, Chairman
Joseph E. Matta William A. White, Clerk

PUBLIC WELFARE

William A. White, Chairman
Frank H. Barnett Joseph E. Matta, Clerk

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

George S. Chapman

TAX COLLECTOR

John A. Dutra

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Raymond Marston, Chairman
William Pierce Joseph Crawley

MONUMENT COMMITTEE

Frank Viera

TREE WARDEN

Louis P. Jason

AUDITOR

William McKellar

MODERATOR

Francis Steele

Term expires 1954

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Francis J. Alves, Chairman	Term expires 1954
Thomas F. Perry	Term expires 1955
Herbert F. Mayo	Term expires 1956

BOARD OF HEALTH

Henry B. Fisk, Chairman

Thomas F. Perry	Louis P. Jason
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CONSTABLES

Joseph Agna	Francis E. Days
Joseph A. Rogers	Warren Perry
Henry Martin	

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY

John Agna, Chairman

George S. Chapman, Jr.	Edward J. Dahill, Jr.
Virginia Andrews	Adelaide L. Kenney
Ellen M. Rosa	Catherine B. Cadose
Natalie Grace Patrick	Edwina M. Tavers

PLANNING BOARD

Joseph E. Macara, Chairman

Jesse D. Rogers	Frank A. Souza
Frank S. Bent	Frank DeMello

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONERS

Frank H. Barnett, Chairman

William A. White	Joseph E. Matta
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Appointments

POLICE DEPARTMENT

William N. Rogers, Chief of Police
Francis H. Marshall, Sergeant

Patrolmen

Harold W. MacFarlane	John S. Bent
Joseph White	Charles H. Brown
William Davis	Henry Martin

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Warren C. Silva, Superintendent

Frank S. Perry, Foreman Highway Department

Laborers

Robert Perry	Lawrence Cabral
Clarence Prada	Robert White

Charles Carlos

Joseph Creamer, Foreman Water Department

Laborers

John Cook	Jesse Ferreira
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Laborers, Rubbish Disposal

Edmund Santos	Anthony Jason
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Manuel Viera

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

George S. Chapman	Arthur C. Patrick
Thomas Francis	George Rogers

SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Arthur B. Silva

TOWN PIER COMMITTEE

Manuel E. Silva	Manuel Dutra
Charles DeRiggs	Harold E. Wilson

Francis Santos

HARBOR MASTER AND WHARFINGER

John S. Silva

JANITOR TOWN HALL

Raul Matta

AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

Charles DeRiggs, Chairman

William McKellar, Clerk

Anthony Perry

MATRON OF LOCKUP

Etta Russell

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Manuel A. White, Acting Chief

William Pierce, Deputy Chief

Edward A. Noones, Deputy Chief

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Converse L. Montgomery

Herman J. Rivard

LIGHT AND POWER COMMITTEE

William H. Paige, Chairman

Frank R. Prada

Marion Perry

Joseph A. Days

Frank H. Barnett

BOARD OF APPEALS (ZONING)

William H. Paige, Chairman

George F. Miller, Jr., Clerk

Charles Bowen

Leno P. Dutra

Catherine Cadose

MATRON TOWN INFIRMARY

Edna Tasha

HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND MARKERS
COMMITTEE

Ralph S. Carpenter

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

Justin Avellar

Frank Cabral

Ralph S. Carpenter

VETERANS GRAVES COMMITTEE

William C. Pierce

Manuel Raymond

Manuel J. Goveia

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Frank S. Bent

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Horace F. Hallett

VETERANS AGENT

Frank H. Barnett

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frank J. Rowe, Chairman

Burton Kenney, Clerk

Charles Bowen

Joseph Macara

Manuel F. Patrick

Manuel Macara

Chester Peck

Jesse D. Rogers

BUREAU OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
DIVISION AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Irving S. Rogers, Agent

Althea M. Latham, Social Worker

Frances V. Peters, Clerk-Typist

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, February 9, 1953, at 9 A. M.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Barnstable, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Provincetown
in the County of Barnstable Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the ninth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To act on the Reports of the Town Officers and the Finance committee.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the financial year beginning, January 1st, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will elect a Director for the Cape Cod Extension Service.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, \$375,000 for the purpose of supplying itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 439, of the Acts of 1952, determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, and by borrowing under authority of Chapter 439 of the Acts of 1952, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To hear the Report of the Committee on Light and Power.

ARTICLE 6. To choose the following Town officers on one ballot:

Moderator, for one year
One Selectman and Public Welfare, for three years
One Assessor, for three years
One School Committee Member, for three years
One Member Board of Health, for three years
One Cemetery Commissioner, for three years
One Monument Committee, for one year
One Auditor, for one year
Three Trustees Public Library, for three years
One Tree Warden, for one year
Five Constables, for one year
One Member Planning Board, for five years

ARTICLE 7. To hear the Report of the Town Manager Committee.

ARTICLE 8. To hear the Report of the Building Survey Committee on Elementary School Building.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for construction and supervision of the Howland Street and Nickerson Street Playgrounds, said sum to be expended by a Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of chapter 537, the acts of 1951, which provides for step-rate increases in salaries under the Welfare Compensation Plan for Civil Service personnel in the Bureaus of Old Age Assistance Aid and Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Asst.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for a July 4th Celebration.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the dedication of the Manuel V. Motta Memorial Field.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept chapter 508, of the acts of 1938, and act with relation to public stands for the use of taxicabs and motor vehicles for hire in cities and towns.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the Town will take relative to authorizing the Selectmen to sell by private or public auction the so-called Smith House at 42-B Bradford Street owned by the Town.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,808.23 balance due on the parking meters to the Duncan Parking Meter Corp.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,785.00 to lay a new floor in the main auditorium of the Town Hall and applying pigeon proofing on said building.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of providing a qualified instructor to teach swimming and lifesaving through July and August 1953, said sum to be expended by a committee of three appointed by the Selectmen, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell by private or public auction, the real estate of one Georgie Rose Silva known as number 28 Montello Street, acquired by the Town under a Sheriffs Deed dated November 13th, 1951 and recorded Barnstable County deed, Book 797, page 177.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to Landscape the grounds at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for a full time clerk for the Boards of Selectmen, Public Welfare and Assessors Departments, in accordance with the provisions of section 4A, chapter 41 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$848.47 for a bill incurred in 1952 by the Town Hall account.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Act Authorizing the Town of Provincetown to appropriate and expend certain sums of money for publicity, including advertising, public relations and other purposes.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of stimulating business of the Town through advertising in various periodicals, radio, television, etc.; For pictorial brochures of Provincetown depicting its attractiveness as a vacation area; For maintenance of the traditional office of "Town Crier"; For production of special

events; For establishment of adequate public relations; And for other purposes. The expenditure of the said funds to be vested in a committee of three members, composed as follows; Chairman Board of Selectmen, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and a third member to be selected by the other two members.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of cleaning the beaches, between mean high water and mean low water, within the Town limits of Provincetown; this work to be performed under the supervision of the Director of Public Works, and in so far as possible, by the regular labor force and equipment of the said Dept. of Public Works, this work to be completed prior to June 15th, 1953.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 and appoint a Committee of three to make a survey and investigate Off Street Parking within the limits of the Town, and to bring in a report at some future meeting.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Cottage Street from Bradford Street to Creek Road or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Masonic Place or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Kendall Lane or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for repairs to the Eastern School Building, now being used by the Morris-Light Post No. 71, Provincetown American Legion.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser automobile, to replace the present cruiser automobile.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the installation of 25, 2500 lumen street lights, these street lights to be installed on side streets of the Town replacing the present 600 lumen lights now in use and the supervision

of the installation of these lights by a committee of three, committee to be known as Street Lighting Committee, appointed by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a person qualified by education, training and experience as Town Accountant, who shall hold no other Town Office, shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties, and shall hold office for three years or until a successor is qualified. The powers and duties of said Town Accountant to be in accordance with sections 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 of chapter 41 of the General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for salary and expenses.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for a Parking Space on the land known as the Grace F. Hall Estate, which was acquired by the Town in 1952 at 84 Bradford Street consisting of seven acres more or less, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to discharge the Committee to Rewrite the By-laws, as it is now constituted, which committee was appointed as the result of an affirmative vote of the Town on article 22 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting for 1950.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of a committee of three to rewrite the Town by-laws, and to report at the next Annual Town Meeting by presenting an article embodying the proposed by-laws as re-written so that the report of the committee and the proposed by-laws as re-written may be voted on at the 1954 Annual Town Meeting said committee to consist of Frank D. Henderson, Dorothy C. Lambert and Mary J. Salvador.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept by adding the following section to be known as section 18, under article three of Town affairs of the By-Laws, to wit: "No person shall install wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures or other appliances for carrying or using electricity for light, heat, or power within or connected to any building, without first notifying the Inspector of Wires, in writing of the proposed installation.

Whoever violates this by-law shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty dollars."

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to make a lay-out of Standish Ave., as a Public Way, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to make a lay-out of Wareham Street as a Public Way, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to grade, drain and pave Masonic Place and Cottage Street between Bradford Street and Creek Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 40. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be required, to defray the Town Charges for the financial year ending December 31st, 1953, for the following purposes, viz:

- 1st General Government
- 2nd Protection of Persons and Property
- 3rd Health and Sanitation
- 4th Highways
- 5th Charities and Veterans Benefits
- 6th Education and Library
- 7th Recreation and Unclassified
- 8th Public Service Enterprises
- 9th Interest and Maturing Debt

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the lay-out of Holway Ave., so-called, as accepted by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting held February 8th, 1943.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing an elementary school on land owned by the town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said building; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the

Acts of 1948 as amended or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote that the School Needs Survey Committee appointed under Article 25 of the warrant for the Town Meeting held on February 11th, 1952 be constituted a School Building Committee with full authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish the building.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for the tentative Chapter 90 allotments for the 1953 Commercial Street project in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works preliminary estimates, The Commonwealth of Mass. to reimburse in the amount of 50 % and the County to reimburse in the amount of 25 % of the final construction costs.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Office of Constable or take any action in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at stores of: Marion Perry, Kermits Market, Ernest Carreiro, Cabral's Market, Manuel Peters, Cozy Corner Lunch, B. H. Dyer Co., Allen & Allen, Inc., Brownell's Pharmacy, Inc., Adams' Pharmacy, Inc., U. S. Post Office, Cutler's Pharmacy, Inc., Chamber of Commerce, Frank Roza, Tillie's Store, Fishermen's Market, Nelson's Market, K. of C. Bldg., Bryant's Market, John A. Francis, Shaw's Store, Lands End Marine Supply Co., Inc., in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof Fail Not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 16th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

WILLIAM A. WHITE
RALPH S. CARPENTER
FRANK H. BARNETT

Selectmen of Provincetown

A true copy. Attest:
JOSEPH A. ROGERS, Constable.

Barnstable, ss.

January 23, 1953

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, by posting up attested copies of the same at stores of: Kermits Market, Perry's Market, Ernest Carreiro, Cabral's Market, Manuel Peters, Cozy Corner Lunch, B. H. Dyer Co., Allen & Allen, Inc., Brownell's Pharmacy, Inc., Adams' Pharmacy, Inc., U. S. Post Office, Frank Roza, Cutler's Pharmacy, Inc., Chamber of Commerce, Tillie's Store, Fishermen's Market, Nelson's Market, Knights of Columbus, Bryant's Market, John A. Francis, Shaw's Store, Lands End Marine Supply Co., in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting and the date hereof, as within directed.

JOSEPH A. ROGERS,
Constable of Provincetown

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Town Hall on Monday, the 9th day of February 1953 and were called to order by the Moderator at nine o'clock in the forenoon. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Francis M. Coady.

The Warrant was then read by the Town Clerk.

There not being a quorum present it was moved that this meeting be adjourned to Caucus Hall for the purpose of taking up Article 6 and that the Polls be opened at 11 o'clock A. M., and remain open until 6 o'clock P. M. The results of the election of Town Officers and related matters to be announced at 7:30 P. M., at which time this meeting will reconvene.

Meeting adjourned to the Caucus Hall for the purpose of balloting on candidates to be elected on one ballot, and the Polls were declared open at 11 o'clock A. M.

Election Officers: Thomas A. Francis, Ballot Clerk, Irving Rogers, Sivert Benson, Marion Perry, James H. Perry, Charles DeRiggs, William H. Paige, Richard Jennings, Mabel Stillings, Hope Lopes, Francis Alves, Warren Alexander, Catherine Cadose, Clifton Crawley, John S. Silva, Tellers.

The Tellers were supplied with lists of the registered voters of the Town, the ballot box was shown to be empty, and the key delivered to the Chief of Police, William N. Rogers.

The first fifty ballots were taken from the ballot box at 11:15 A. M. and at six P. M. the Polls were closed 1491 ballots having been cast 144 of these being absent voters. The votes were counted and recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M. and the result of the election was read by the Moderator as follows:

Moderator, one year	
Francis J. Steele	1095
Robert A. Welsh	351
Selectman and Public Welfare, three years	
Frank S. Bent	163
John I. King	109
Joseph E. Matta	804
John C. Snow	408
Assessor, three years	
Frank S. Bent	163
John I. King	114
Joseph E. Matta	791
John C. Snow	400
Auditor, one year	
Charles Bowen	555
William W. McKellar	806
Board of Health, three years	
Thomas F. Perry	1305
School Committee, three years	
Herbert F. Mayo	1298
Member Planning Board, five years	
Charles Bowen	1027
Cemetery Commissioner, three years	
Joseph Crawley	1000
Ralph P. Snow	386
Monument Committee, one year	
Frank Viera	1193
Tree Warden, one year	
Lewis J. Jason	1230

Trustees Public Library, three years	
George S. Chapman, Jr.	1214
Adelaide L. Kenney	1077
Natalie G. Patrick	1073
Constables, one year	
Joseph Agna	1131
Francis E. Days	1130
Warren L. Perry	1114
Joseph A. Rogers	1112
Henry Martin (write-in)	203

Judge Welsh said he was sorry to be leaving this position after twenty years' service and if there had been any mistakes during that time, they were unintentional. He then offered his assistance to the new Moderator in any way he could be of help. There was some question in Judge Welsh's mind as to who should carry on with the remainder of the meeting, but he ruled that if Mr. Steele was ready to qualify, he would be glad to have him take over.

Mr. Steele was then sworn in by Town Clerk George S. Chapman. He received the gavel from Judge Welsh and thanked him for his offer of assistance which he felt would be needed, and he also thanked the people for their confidence and votes.

ARTICLE 1. To act on the Reports of the Town Officers and the Finance Committee.

Moved by Selectman Frank H. Barnett that the reports of Town Officers be received and the recommendations of the Finance Committee be acted upon separately, at the time the subject matter is before the meeting for action.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1953, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Mr. Barnett moved that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money, from time to time in anticipation

of the Revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will elect a Director for the Cape Cod Extension Service.

Mr. Barnett moved that a ballot be taken to elect a Director of the Cape Cod Extension Service. Ballot was taken electing Mrs. Mary Kelley.

Mr. Barnett then moved that those articles which are generally taken up at the opening morning session not dealing with appropriations be now considered. (Because of a lack of quorum there was no morning session.) Motion carried.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Cottage Street from Bradford Street to Creek Road or take any action in relation thereto.

Moved that the Town vote to accept the layout as made by the Selectmen of Cottage Street from Bradford Street to Creek Road.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Masonic Place or take any action in relation thereto.

Moved that the Town vote to accept the layout as made by the Selectmen of Masonic Place.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Kendall Lane or take any action in relation thereto.

Moved that the Town vote to accept the layout as made by the Selectmen of Kendall Lane.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to make a layout of Standish Avenue as a Public Way, or take any action in relation thereto.

Moved that the Town vote to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to make a layout of Standish Avenue as a Public Way.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to make a layout of Wareham Street as a Public Way, or take any action in relation thereto.

Moved that the Town vote to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to make a layout of Wareham Street, as a Public Way.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the layout of Holway Avenue, so-called, as accepted by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting held February 8th, 1943.

Moved that the Town vote to discontinue the layout of Holway Avenue so-called as accepted by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting held on February 8th, 1943.

Mr. Barnett explained that this was a duplicate of another motion made at a previous town meeting. This motion required a 2/3 vote.

Motion carried 143 Yes - 0 No.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the Town will take relative to authorizing the Selectmen to sell by private or public auction the so-called Smith House at 42-B Bradford Street, owned by the Town.

Mr. Barnett moved that the Town vote authorization to the Selectmen to sell by public auction the so-called Smith House at 42-B Bradford Street, owned by the Town of Provincetown.

Selectman William A. White stated that the Town had owned this building for a number of years and that it was a detriment to the Town. Mr. Francis J. Alves of the School Committee suggested that this would be an ideal place to expand the play area used by the Bradford School for a basketball court.

Motion was taken. Chair was in doubt. A hand vote resulted in 40 Yes - 97 No. Motion not carried.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell by private or public auction, the real estate of one Georgie Rose Silva, known as number 28 Montello Street, acquired by the Town under a Sheriff's Deed dated November 13th, 1951 and recorded Barnstable County deed, Book 797, page 177.

Mr. White moved that the Town vote to give authorization to the Selectmen to sell at public auction, the real estate of Georgie Rose Silva known as 28 Montello Street, acquired by the Town under a Sheriff's Deed dated November 13th, 1951 and recorded Barnstable County deed, Book 797, page 177.

On being asked by Mr. Frank Henderson if the house was occupied, Mr. White replied that it was and that the people wanted to buy it.

Motion carried.

Mr. Barnett then moved that Article 4 be taken up.
Motion carried.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, \$375,000 for the purpose of supplying itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 439, of the Acts of 1952, determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, and by borrowing under authority of Chapter 439 of the Acts of 1952, or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. William H. Paige moved that the sum of \$375,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of establishing an additional water supply system for the purpose of supplying the Town and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 439, of the Acts of 1952, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$375,000.00 under authority of Chapter 439, of the Acts of 1952, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 439, of the Acts of 1952 and Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than 30 years from the date of issue of the first

bond or note, that the reports of the committee and engineers be recorded in the Town Records, and that this committee be continued so that it may supervise the expenditures and construction of the project to its completion.

Mr. Paige read the report of the Additional Water Committee and the report from the engineers, Whitman & Howard. He explained the work of his committee and how the Town would profit by favorable action on this motion. He mentioned the increase in additional buildings going up and said that though he had criticized the service in the past, we now have exceptionally good service. When he said that there would be an increase of 45% on water tax for all users, Mr. William Bickers maintained that the only fair tax would be with the use of meters. Mr. Marion Perry explained that we had meters about fifteen years ago but that they were voted down and would not be adequate for our present needs.

Motion was carried on a standing vote of 225 Yes - 9 No.

Moved by Mr. Chester Peck that Article 40 be taken up. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 40. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be required, to defray the Town Charges for the financial year ending December 31st, 1953, for the following purposes, viz.:

- 1st. General Government
- 2nd. Protection of Persons and Property
- 3rd. Health and Sanitation
- 4th. Highways
- 5th. Charities and Veterans Benefits
- 6th. Education and Library
- 7th. Recreation and Unclassified
- 8th. Public Service Enterprises
- 9th. Interest and Maturing Debt

Moved by Mr. Barnett that the items of this article be taken up and voted on separately.

Motion carried.

Item 1. General Government. Moderator \$50.00.
Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of

\$50.00 for Moderator. Finance Committee Expense \$100.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Finance Committee Expense.

Mr. Barnett moved Section 2 of General Government be laid on table until Article 20 is acted upon. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Salary \$1,500.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for Town Clerk Salary. Town Clerk Expenses \$1,000.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for Town Clerk Expenses. Treasurer Salary \$1,500.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for Treasurer's Salary. Treasurer Expenses and Bond \$1,200.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for Treasurer's Expenses and Bond.

Mr. Chester Peck moved to lay Section 5 of General Government on table until after Article 20. Motion carried.

Tax Collector Salary \$2,120.00. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,120.00 for Tax Collector's Salary. Tax Collector Expenses and Bond \$1,403.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,403.00 for Tax Collector's Expenses and Bond.

Mr. Barnett moved to lay on table Section 7 of General Government until after Article 20. Motion carried.

Law-Legal Expense \$1,500.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for Law-Legal Expense. Election and Registration Salaries \$400.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Election and Registration Salaries. Election and Registration Expenses \$700.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for Election and Registration Expenses. Town Hall and Grounds \$9,000.00. Mr. Joseph Macara moved that the Town raise and appropriate the recommended amount of \$7,000.00 for Town Hall and Grounds. Motion carried.

Item 2. Protection Persons and Property. Police Department Salaries \$17,996.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,996.00 for Police Department Salaries. Police Department Expenses \$1,040.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate

the sum of \$1,040.00 for Police Department Expenses. Police Department Maintenance \$1,110.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,110.00 for Police Department Maintenance. Fire Department Salaries \$5,200.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,200.00 for Fire Department Salaries. Fire Department Expenses \$4,000.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for Fire Department Expenses. Insurance Fire Trucks \$318.50. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$318.50 for Insurance of Fire Trucks. Water Tax \$3,252.00. Moved by Mr. Joseph Matta that the Town raise and appropriate the recommended amount of \$3,232.00 for Water Tax of Fire Department. Mr. Willis Carlos was of the opinion that this amount would not be sufficient and that it would be necessary to ask for an additional amount at a future meeting. It was pointed out by Mr. Marion Perry and Selectman Barnett that the tax rate would not be increased until next year. \$3,232.00 motion carried. Sealer Weights and Measures Salary \$150.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for Salary of Sealer Weights and Measures. Sealer Weights and Measures Expenses \$100.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Expenses of Sealer Weights and Measures. Moth Extermination \$750.00. Selectman White said that according to the State Superintendent the Town of Provincetown is the only one not up to its quota. He believed that the work was well done and the worker greatly underpaid. Mr. Joseph Macara offered a substitute motion that \$300.00 (as recommended) be appropriated. He stated that the Finance Committee learned the work done would be in accordance with the amount appropriated and that they had come to the conclusion the work was not being done. Mr. White then said that he had watched the work being done and that it was well worth the requested amount, to which Mr. Macara replied that it was not a matter of any reflection on the men or the work done but a question of the effect. Mr. White then pointed out that the effect was much more noticeable inland, away from the waterfront. Mr. Paige said we have someone who does the work well and expressed his opinion that this was a good investment. The substitute motion was defeated. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for Moth Extermination. Elm Trees \$250.00. Selectman

White stated that this is not the work of the Public Works Department (as believed by the Finance Committee) and that there are about 50 elm trees in Provincetown. The Chair was in doubt about the vote, and on a hand count of 46 Yes - 30 No it was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for Elm Trees. Tree Warden Salary \$25.00. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for Salary of Tree Warden.

Item 3. Health and Sanitation. General Health \$3,300.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300.00 for General Health. Salary Agent \$1,520.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,520.00 for Salary of Board of Health Agent. Visiting Nurse \$3,400.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,400.00 for Visiting Nurse. Inspector Cattle and Slaughtering \$100.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Inspector Cattle and Slaughtering. Department of Public Works Salary and Expense \$5,000.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Salary and Expense of Department of Public Works. Rubbish Disposal \$11,913.88. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,913.88 for Rubbish Disposal. Highway Department \$15,150.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,150.00 for Highway Department. Water Department \$44,988.58. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,988.58 for Water Department. Roads and Walks \$13,150.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,150.00 for Roads and Walks. Street Lighting \$9,500.00. Mr. Barnett explained that the requested amount (\$9,500.00) was an error in printing and that it would be necessary to ask for the additional sum needed later. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500.00 for Street Lighting.

Item 5. Charities and Veterans' Benefits. Mr. Peck moved that Section 24 (Public Welfare Department) be laid on the table until after Article 20. Motion carried. Outside Poor \$9,000.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 for Outside Poor. Infirmary \$5,500.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 for Infirmary. Repair of skylights \$500.00. Voted to raise and appropriate

the sum of \$500.00 for Repair of Infirmary skylights. Aid to Dependent Children \$19,420.00. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,420.00 for Aid to Dependent Children. Administration Aid to Dependent Children \$64.77. Voted to raise the sum of \$64.77 for Administration of Aid to Dependent Children. Veterans' Benefits \$9,000.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 for Veterans' Benefits. Old Age Assistance \$88,251.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,251.00 for Old Age Assistance. Administration of Old Age Assistance \$2,511.54. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,511.54 for Administration of Old Age Assistance. Disability Assistance \$6,070.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,070.00 for Disability Assistance. Administration of Disability Assistance \$22.79. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$22.79 for Administration of Disability Assistance.

Item 6. Education and Library. Maintenance Schools \$131,480.00. Mr. M. F. Patrick of the Finance Committee questioned the action of the School Committee in already granting the teachers a raise before it was voted and wanted to know where the money was coming from if not voted on at this meeting. Dr. Thomas F. Perry of the School Committee explained that the School Committee is allowed to use 1/12 of the budget in advance of the Town Meeting, for the month of January only. He did not feel that the teachers are overpaid and said there is a law which the Committee has never taken into their hands, which says they can pay what they think a teacher is worth, as long as it is fair and within reason. He didn't think that even at \$2,700.00 our teachers are overpaid and thought the School Committee was doing the best they could. Mr. Van Arsdale pointed out that with all due respect to the School Committee, it has always been tough to raise the pay of teachers and that we should go along with them in their request. Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Charles F. Ross, pointed out that the amount recommended by the Finance Committee was not sufficient and that it would be impossible to continue the school schedule on that figure. Mr. McKellar and Mr. William Bickers were in favor of raising teachers' salaries but objected to having it granted before it was presented to the people for voting. Dr. Perry said he for one regretted that feelings had been hurt in this matter,

but that it was not without precedent for the School Committee to raise salaries in order to get teachers. Mr. Charles Hapgood expressed his opinion that the Finance Committee's feelings had been hurt, which was not important, what is important is our children. Mrs. Elmer Greensfelder pointed out that our children suffer from frequent changes in teachers, and that we had lost five teachers this past year as an answer to the salary question. Mr. Frank Bent and Mr. John Small pointed out the cost of acquiring a teaching education and urged favorable action on this motion. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$131,480.00 for Maintenance of Schools.

Mr. M. F. Patrick moved to indefinitely postpone Section 32, Capital Outlay (Including Oil Burner) of Item 5. Motion carried.

Cafeteria \$2,800.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 for the Cafeteria. Vocational School \$4,785.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,785.00 for Vocational School.

Mr. Francis Alves moved to lay Section 34a, Vocational Household Arts on the table for a while. Motion carried.

Insurance Public Buildings \$5,994.50. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,994.50 for Insurance of Public Buildings. Public Libraries \$7,350.34. Mr. McKellar offered a substitute motion for the recommended amount of \$6,550.34. He explained that the Library Committee had told the Finance Board that the roof and sides of the building were leaking. It was recommended that a new roof be put on and the other leaks repaired, and later ask for an appropriation to paint the outside. Substitute motion was carried to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,550.34 for Public Libraries.

Mr. Alves moved that Section 34a be lifted from the table. Motion carried. Vocational Household Arts \$2,440.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,440.00 for Vocational Household Arts.

Item 7. Recreation and Unclassified. Armistice Day \$500.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Armistice Day. Memorial Day

\$500.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Memorial Day. Reserve Fund \$2,000.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Reserve Fund. Town and Finance Reports \$1,038.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,038.00 for Town and Finance Reports. Bounty on Seals \$100.00. Voted to raise \$100.00 for Bounty on Seals. Ambulance Hire Appropriation \$1,750.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 for Ambulance Hire Appropriation. Zoning Committee \$50.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for Zoning Committee. Town Pier Maintenance \$10,000.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Maintenance of Town Pier. Salaries Town Pier Committee \$450.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for Salaries of Town Pier Committee. Town Cemeteries \$900.00. Mr. Joseph Macara moved to raise and appropriate \$800.00 for Town Cemeteries as recommended by the Finance Committee, eliminating the cost of trucking as it was felt the work should be done by the Public Works Department. Motion for \$800.00 carried. Salaries \$100.00. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Salaries, Town Cemeteries. Soldiers' Monument Committee \$50.00. Voted to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for Soldiers' Monument Committee. Veterans' Graves \$50.00. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for Veterans' Graves. Shellfish Constables Salaries and expenses \$1,500.00. Moved by Mr. Macara for the recommended amount of \$25.00. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for Salaries and Expenses of Shellfish Constables.

Moved by Mr. McKellar to table Section 48, Inspector of Wires, until later. Motion carried.

Dog Officer Salary \$100.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Salary of Dog Officer. Barnstable County Retirement Fund \$1,596.83. Mr. McKellar asked for an explanation of this item. Mr. George S. Chapman explained that it is a requirement of the County that those employed by a city or town must be on the retirement fund and that the requested increase was due to the number going on retirement. Each town contributes its share. When a member retires he may withdraw the amount contri-

buted, and if ever re-employed by the town he returns the same amount. Selectman Barnett pointed out that this is a County assessment and represents the town's share of the County tax. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,596.83 for Barnstable County Retirement Fund. Building Inspector \$150.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for Building Inspector.

Mr. Macara moved Section 52, Parking Meter Expense, be tabled indefinitely. Motion carried.

Insurance Fund Laborers, Mechanics Chapter 807 Acts 1913 \$2,316.36. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,316.36 for Insurance Fund Laborers, Mechanics Chapter 807 Acts 1913.

Item 9. Interest and Maturing Debts. Interest Temporary Loans \$1,000.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for Interest Temporary Loans. Interest Funded Debt \$202.50. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$202.50, for Interest Funded Debt. Maturing Debt \$3,000.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for Maturing Debt.

Mr. McKellar moved to take up Article 36. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept by adding the following section to be known as section 18, under article three of Town affairs of the By-Laws, to wit: "No person shall install wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures or other appliances for carrying or using electricity for light, heat, or power within or connected to any building, without first notifying the Inspector of Wires, in writing of the proposed installation. Whoever violates this by-law shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty dollars."

~~Mr. McKellar offered for the Finance Committee the following substitute motion:~~ To see if the Town will vote to accept by adding the following section to be known as Section 18, under article three of Town affairs of the By-Laws, to wit: "No person shall install wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures or other appliances for carrying or using electricity for light, heat, or power within or connected to any building, without first notifying the Inspector of Wires, in writing of the proposed

installation, and being issued a written permit to cover said installation. The Inspector of Wires, or his designated deputy, shall make an inspection of the installation and so certify his approval or disapproval in a space provided on the permit. The Inspector shall charge such fee or fees for his services as may be established by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Provincetown, and not in conflict with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All funds derived from the inspection fees shall be delivered to the Town Treasurer for credit to General Revenue. Whoever violates this By-Law shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty dollars."

Mr. McKellar pointed out that the Inspector of Wires had asked for an increase for his services and that there had been over 600 inspections in the past year. He explained that the Finance Board thought it only just and fair that a small fee be established by the Selectmen for these services.

There was some discussion by several voters who believed there already existed a law requiring that any home wiring must be inspected. Selectman White explained that there was no law to that effect but that the Selectmen had made it one of the duties of the workers as a measure of protection.

This motion required a 2/3 vote which resulted in 128 Yes - 28 No. Substitute motion carried.

Mr. McKellar moved Section 48 of Item 48 (General Government) be lifted from the table. Motion carried.

Inspector of Wires \$250.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for Inspector of Wires.

It was then moved to take up Article 5.

ARTICLE 5. To hear the Report of the Committee on Light and Power.

Mr. William Paige moved that the Report of the Committee on Light and Power be read and entered in the Town records.

Mr. Paige read this report and stated that Mr. Joseph Days had recommended that the Committee be continued.

Report of the Light and Power Committee

February 9, 1953

A meeting of the Light and Power Committee was held on January 6, 1953 in the Office of the Selectmen.

Purpose of the Meeting

To see if any of the members had any complaints, or had received any, from the citizens in regards to electric service.

Members Present

William H. Paige, Chairman; Frank H. Barnett, Secretary; Marion Perry, Member; Frank Prada, Member.

Mr. Irving S. Rogers resigned from the Committee on February 12, 1952. The vacancy was filled by Mr. Frank H. Barnett.

There have been no complaints about the Electric Service in 1952.

Complaints the previous year were irregular voltages and length of outage periods during the change over, from the high-line, due to loss of power from that source, to electric service from the local Power Station.

The irregular voltage trouble seems to have been eliminated.

The high-line circuit at the Sub-station at Mayflower Heights is now automatically controlled at the local Power Station, which should bring the outage time to a minimum in the change-over from the high-line to local electric service, when an emergency arises from that source.

There's always a man on duty at the local power station, in case of an emergency. Only during bad storms or high winds is the local power station put in operation.

The engines are started up every two weeks, to be sure they are in good running order. The present capacity of the local power plant is nine hundred watts. This could be stepped up to one thousand watts for a short period of time.

The four members mentioned previously, were all present at a meeting, at the State House, Boston on March 19, 1952 with Mr. Stanley Ellis, a member of the

State Public Utilities Commission. The purpose of this meeting was to get answers to questions some members had in mind.

Mr. Ellis, in answer to irregular voltage, stated he would come to Provincetown and make a check by installing seven day volt recording meters, in the locations of the complaints at no cost to the town, if the committee would write him informing him of the complaints.

There were no expenditures by the Committee during the year 1952.

In the interests of the Town, the Committee recommends that it be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Light & Power

William H. Paige, Chairman

Frank H. Barnett, Secretary

Marion Perry, Member

Frank R. Prada, Member

Motion carried.

On motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at about 11 P. M. to be reconvened at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday, February 10, 1953.

Tuesday, February 10, 1953

Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Moderator Francis J. Steele.

ARTICLE 7. To hear the Report of the Town Manager Committee.

Mr. Joseph Lema, Jr., Secretary of the Town Manager Committee moved that the Report of the Town Manager Committee be accepted.

Mr. William Paige wished to mention a few things in connection with this Committee and offered an amendment to the effect that this form of government be discussed. Mr. Flores rose to a point of order that the motion was merely to accept the report.

Mr. Macara then offered an amendment that the Committee be continued.

Motion carried.

Selectman White moved Article 20 be taken up. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for a full time clerk for the Boards of Selectmen, Public Welfare and Assessors Departments, in accordance with the provisions of section 4A, chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Moved by Selectman White that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 for a full time clerk for the Boards of Selectmen, Assessors and Public Welfare, in accordance with the provisions of section 4A, chapter 41 of the General Laws.

- Mr. White explained that the reason for the lesser figure was because it was decided to appoint one member of the Board of Selectmen as a full-time clerk, with the other two Selectmen in attendance two nights a week. In this way the salaries would be less and save the Town money because of this one member's past experience.

Mr. Frank Henderson said he had been led to believe that the Selectmen at present do not have a full-time job and was at a loss to understand why one of their members should be appointed as clerk, to which Mr. White pointed out that it takes a fully qualified man to do the work of the Selectmen properly.

Mr. Chester Peck then offered a substitute motion that \$2,400.00 be raised and appropriated for a full time clerk for the Boards of Selectmen, Public Welfare and Assessors Departments with the provision that no person holding an appointed or elective office in Town be appointed.

Selectman White strongly opposed this amended substitute motion, stating that he was asking for help for himself and for the Town, that one man could do the work well with the help of the other two, and with better service.

Mr. McKellar expressed the opinion of the Finance Committee in their belief that it is poor policy for a Board to create a new job and at the same time be in a position to give it to one of their own members.

Selectman Carpenter, Mr. Van Arsdale and Mr. Flores were among those who favored the original motion.

pointing out that it was to the advantage of the Town to have a clerk experienced in the work to be done.

At this point Mr. Peck, speaking for the Finance Board, asked that if there was no objection he would withdraw his substitute motion. There was no objection.

A standing vote on the original (amended) motion resulted in 69 Yes - 95 No.

Motion not carried.

Selectman White then moved that Section 2, Item 1 (General Government) be taken up. Motion carried.

Selectmen's Salaries \$2,400.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 for Selectmen's Salaries. Selectmen Expenses \$500.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Expenses of Selectmen.

Mr. White moved to take Section 5, Item 1 (General Government) from the table. Motion carried.

Assessors' Salaries \$2,400.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 for Assessors' Salaries. Assessors' Expenses \$1,000.00. Moved by Mr. Macara that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Assessors' Expenses. He explained that figure had been recommended because of the understanding that this was a part-time job. Selectman Barnett amended the motion to read \$750.00 to cover printing of Assessors' Reports. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for Assessors' Expenses.

Selectman White moved to lift Section 24, Item 5, from the table. Motion carried.

Public Welfare Department Salaries \$2,100.00. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100.00 for Salaries of Public Welfare Department. Expenses \$300.00. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Expenses of Public Welfare Department.

Mr. Van Arsdale moved to now take up Article 8. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 8. To hear the Report of the Building Survey Committee on Elementary School Building.

Mr. Carpenter read the Report and told of the various propositions looked into by the Committee and discussed by them. Now it was up to the voters to make the final decision. He said they at first felt the amount of \$500,000.00 for a new school was impossible, but after investigating found that other schools were being built all over the Cape at that figure.

Mr. Van Arsdale moved that the report be laid on the table and Article 42 be taken up. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing an elementary school on land owned by the town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said building; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

Moved that the sum of \$500,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of construction of an elementary school on land owned by the Town and for originally equipping and furnishing said building and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$12,550.05 be raised in the tax levy of the current year, that the sum of \$67,449.95 be appropriated from the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund and that the sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury and that the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$300,000.00 under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and the sum of \$100,000.00 under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended and to issue bonds of the Town therefor payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond.

Mr. Flores rose to a point of order stating as his reason that the article did not mention any amount of money to be voted on. After consulting the By-Laws, Moderator Steele was still uncertain but ruled it in order. As then suggested by Mr. Willis Carlos he called on former Moderator Judge Robert A. Welsh for his legal interpretation. Judge Welsh read the law and expressed his

opinion that the motion on the article was in order as there was no money stated in the By-Law in question.

Mrs. Van Arsdale told of the grave responsibilities of the School Building Committee and of the requirements for a new school. She said that the Committee first concentrated on the first four grades, but that there later was much sentiment to include others. It was thought good to place the school near the standpipe, away from traffic, on the land purchased by the Town. Color slides and architect's plans were shown on a screen and the advantages of the new school were pointed out by Mrs. Van Arsdale.

Mr. Francis Alves, another member of this Committee, then explained the financing of the project and how it would effect the tax rate.

Mr. Howard Days offered the following amendment: That the building be erected on the land known as the Grace Hall Estate with the main entrance from Bradford Street or Prince Street.

Mr. Carpenter pointed out that the location of the plan was not fixed, but that the idea of the Committee was to get it as far as possible away from Bradford Street.

Mr. Van Arsdale said he thought it would be a mistake to tie the hands of the Committee by voting on this amendment which would place the school on a hill and a blind corner.

Superintendent of Schools Mr. Ross pointed out further disadvantages of having the school on that location. He said that the plans for the building would take up practically all of the cite and make it impossible to add to it, and that the Committee had given serious consideration to that irregular piece of land.

The amendment was defeated.

Mr. M. F. Patrick asked about the status of Provincetown schools as to Federal grants, and Mrs. Van Arsdale said she had a letter to the effect that such money is available for school purposes. Mr. Ross then explained that it would be necessary to establish an appreciable number of Service personnel families to request such funds for tuition if scholols were crowded.

Mr. Patrick though very much in favor of a new school, as were many others, was strongly opposed to spending \$500,000.00 for a primary school in Provincetown. On the basis of another new school with nine rooms which he mentioned had been built for \$125,000.00, he suggested \$250,000.00 would be an amount to start out for bids here. He hoped that the Committee would be given more time to find more types of schools which would save the Town money.

Mr. Frank Henderson, also highly in favor of a new school, thought that a school project is so important that more study is needed and that the children of the Bradford School should be included in these plans.

Mr. Jesse Rogers, another member of the Committee, was strongly opposed to a quick decision on this matter and felt that more time and consideration should be taken to report at the next special Town Meeting.

Mr. Van Arsdale was among those who thought this matter could not be put off indefinitely and that some action should be taken immediately, pointing out that we now had a competent Committee and architect. He then offered the following substitute motion:

Moved that the sum of \$600,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of construction of a 14 classroom elementary school with a standard gymnasium on land owned by the Town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said building and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$12,550.05 be raised in the tax levy of the current year, that the sum of \$67,449.95 be appropriated from the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund and that the sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury and that the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$300,000.00 under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and the sum of \$200,000.00 under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended and to issue bonds of the Town therefor payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond.

Mr. Van Arsdale explained that if this motion passed it would include the two extra classrooms and a gymnasium to handle addition to the Governor Bradford School

pupils. He suggested that the Western and Center Schools could be sold and the Bradford School used by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Mr. Santos of the Finance Committee pointed out that the gymnasium of the High School is not well designed and that we should be very careful and sure of what we do.

Mr. Carpenter agreed with those who said there should be many plans, but believed money should be appropriated to facilitate getting plans from the architects.

Dr. Perry mentioned that the schools in several other Cape towns all cost close to \$500,000.00 and the one in Chatham at a cost of \$2,000,000.00. He thought the important thing was to get the school and was in favor of having it now.

The substitute motion was defeated on a standing vote of 57 Yes - 180 No.

Before voting on the original motion, several people expressed themselves in favor of continuing the present Committee. Mrs. Van Arsdale asked that people give their suggestions so that the Committee could bring in plans that would be acceptable.

A standing vote on the original motion resulted in 110 Yes - 134 No.

Motion was defeated.

Mr. Barnett then moved that the report of the Building Survey Committee be accepted; that said Committee be increased by two members, and be continued as a Building Survey Committee to bring in plans for an elementary school or schools, at approximate cost of \$250,000.00 and plans for a building large enough to accommodate the pupils of the Western, Center and Bradford Schools at approximate cost of \$450,000.00 and report at the next special Town Meeting, and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for said Committee.

Mr. Ross moved to amend this motion that the Committee report to the Town not later than July 1st.

Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for construction and supervision of the Howland Street and Nickerson Street Playgrounds, said sum to be expended by a Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator, or take any action in relation thereto.

Mrs. Elmer Greensfelder moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for construction and supervision of the Howland Street and Nickerson Street Playgrounds, said sum to be expended by a Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator, or take any action in relation thereto.

Mrs. Greensfelder explained the amounts of this budget to be spent on supervision, a new fence, basketball court and spending money.

Mr. Macara, speaking for the Finance Board, explained that this article was not recommended because the development of the basketball court was to be on land not owned by the Town. He said the motion should be defeated as several items in the budget did not belong there, that small repairs, filling in holes, etc. should be done by the Public Works Department.

Selectman White did not agree, and urged the people to vote favorably on this motion.

Motion carried.

On motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, February 11, at 7 P. M.

Motion carried.

Wednesday, February 11, 1953

Town Meeting was again called to order at 7:00 P. M.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 537, the Acts of 1951, which provides for step-rate increases in salaries under the Welfare Compensation Plan for Civil Service personnel in the Bureaus of Old Age Assistance Aid and Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance.

Moved by Mr. Irving Rogers that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 47-D, Chapter 537, Acts of 1951, which provides for step-rate increases in sal-

aries under the Welfare Compensation Plan for all Civil Service personnel in the Bureaus of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance.

Mr. Rogers explained that this article was in the warrant last year and that it was mandatory to enter it, as any needs must be asked for in this way. He mentioned that salary is the primary factor in getting and keeping experienced help now and in the future. To a question by Mr. M. F. Patrick, Mr. Rogers replied that the State reimburses the Town for 50%.

On a hand count, the motion was carried 42 Yes - 3 No.

Mr. Joseph Macara now moved to lift Section 7, Item 1, of General Government from the table. Motion carried. Auditor Salary \$450.00. Moved by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. McKellar to raise and appropriate \$60.00. Carried.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for a July 4th Celebration.

Moved by Selectman White that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for a July 4th Celebration in 1953.

Mr. White said this was being asked to help the Fire Department who raised the money for this purpose in the past.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the dedication of the Manuel V. Motta Memorial Field.

Moved by Selectman White that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the dedication of the Manuel V. Motta Memorial Field.

Mr. White pointed out the article was sponsored about 1950 and a Committee had been appointed by the Selectmen. He said that dedication of this field was delayed because of State-owned land, which has now been given to the Town to be used for this purpose only.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 508, of the Acts of 1938, and act with relation to public stands for the use of taxicabs and motor vehicles for hire in cities and towns.

Moved by Mr. Joseph A. Rogers that Article 13 be indefinitely postponed. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,808.23 balance due on the parking meters to the Duncan Parking Meter Corp.

Moved by Selectman Barnett that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,785.00 to lay a new floor in the main auditorium of the Town Hall and applying pigeon proofing on said building.

Moved by Selectman White that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to repair and lay a new floor in the main auditorium of the Town Hall.

Mr. White explained that he had figured out the cost of this work himself and estimated this amount.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of providing a qualified instructor to teach swimming and lifesaving through July and August 1953, said sum to be expended by a committee of three appointed by the Selectmen, or take any action thereto.

It was moved by Mr. Barnett that this article be indefinitely postponed, but Mr. Greensfelder asked if the motion could be first presented, which was ruled in order. He then moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the purpose of providing a qualified instructor to teach swimming and lifesaving through July and August 1953, said sum to be expended by a committee of three appointed by the Selectmen, or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Greensfelder explained that since the larger amount was requested, the Red Cross had offered one week of free instructions to the Town. Mr. Macara,

speaking for the Finance Committee, now approved this amount (250.00).

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to Landscape the grounds at the Town Hall.

Mr. Barnett moved that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Motion to postpone carried.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$848.47 for a bill incurred in 1952 by the Town Hall account.

Moved by Selectman Barnett that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$848.47 for a bill incurred in 1952 (Rivard Inc.) by the Town Hall Account.

Mr. Barnett explained that this bill could have been paid but that the Finance Committee wanted to okay it first and that the majority at the time did not approve it and suggested it go until the Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked for a count vote on this article and Mrs. Ethel Ball pointed out that it required a 4/5 vote.

Motion carried 79 Yes - 0 No.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Act authorizing the Town of Provincetown to appropriate and expend certain sums of money for publicity, including advertising, public relations and other purposes.

Moved by Mr. McKellar that the Town vote to accept an Act authorizing the Town of Provincetown to appropriate and expend certain sums of money for publicity, including advertising, public relations and other purposes.

Mr. McKellar announced that the Chamber of Commerce had sponsored an Act in the Legislature and that an amendment on the Bill would be placed to validate the vote if this article was acted upon. He stressed the importance of advertising the summer vacation industry for this Town.

Mrs. Ball was opposed to any advertising for the Town of Provincetown as the tax payers would have to pay any amount voted at a special Town Meeting if the

Act were passed. Mr. Barnett pointed out that we had no Act, and Mr. McKellar then moved this article be laid on the table.

Motion to indefinitely postpone carried.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of stimulating business of the Town through advertising in various periodicals, radio, television, etc.; For pictorial brochures of Provincetown depicting its attractiveness as a vacation area; For maintenance of the traditional office of "Town Crier"; for production of special events; For establishment of adequate public relations; And for other purposes. The expenditure of the said funds to be vested in a committee of three members, composed as follows; Chairman Board of Selectmen, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and a third member to be selected by the other two members.

Selectman Barnett moved this article be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of cleaning the beaches, between mean high water and mean low water, within the Town limits of Provincetown; this work to be performed under the supervision of the Director of Public Works, and in so far as possible, by the regular labor force and equipment of the said Dept. of Public Works, this work to be completed prior to June 15th, 1953.

Moved by Mr. M. F. Patrick that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of cleaning the beaches, between mean high water and mean low water, within the Town limits of Provincetown; this work to be performed under the supervision of the Director of Public Works, and in so far as possible, by the regular labor force and equipment of the said Dept. of Public Works, this work to be completed prior to June 15th, 1953.

At the suggestions of Mr. Fred Rogers and Mr. Greensfelder, Mr. Patrick agreed to amend his motion as follows: that all town landings be marked as such and no refuse thrown on landing.

Motion as amended carried.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 and appoint a Committee of three to make a survey and investigate Off Street Parking within the limits of the Town, and to bring in a report at some future meeting.

Moved by Mr. Barnett that a Committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to make a survey and investigate Off Street Parking, within the limits of the Town, and report at some future meeting, and that the sum of \$200.00 be raised and appropriated for said Committee.

Mrs. Ethel Ball questioned the need of spending \$200.00 to study parking in this Town, believing many people would do this work free.

Mr. William Paige then offered the amendment to strike out the figure \$200.00.

Amendment carried. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for repairs to the Eastern School Building, now being used by the Morris-Light Post No. 71, Provincetown American Legion.

Moved by Selectman White that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for repairs to the Eastern School Building, now being used by the Morris Light Post No. 71, Provincetown American Legion.

Mr. White announced that the American Legion would donate the labor for repairs on this building.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser automobile, to replace the present cruiser automobile.

Moved by Chief of Police William N. Rogers that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the installation of 25, 2500 lumen street lights, these street lights to be installed on side streets of the Town replacing the present 600 lumen lights now in use and the supervision of

the installation of these lights by a committee of three, committee to be known as Street Lighting Committee, appointed by the Moderator.

Moved by Mr. William N. Rogers that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the installation of Twenty-five 2500 lumen street lights, these street lights to be installed on side streets of the Town replacing the present 600 lumen street lights now in use and the supervision of the installation of these lights to be placed in the hands of a committee of three persons to be appointed by the Moderator.

Mr. Rogers said the Committee which had been in existence for three years had tried by slow process to finish this work.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a person qualified by education, training and experience as Town Accountant, who shall hold no other Town Office, shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties, and shall hold office for three years or until a successor is qualified. The powers and duties of said Town Accountant to be in accordance with sections 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for salary and expenses.

Mr. M. F. Patrick moved this article be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for a Parking Space on the land known as the Grace F. Hall Estate, which was acquired by the Town in 1952 at 84 Bradford Street consisting of seven acres more or less, or take any action in relation thereto.

Moved by Mr. Macara this article be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to discharge the Committee to Rewrite the By-laws, as it is now constituted, which committee was appointed as the

result of an affirmative vote of the Town on article 22 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting for 1950.

Moved by Mrs. Ethel Ball that the Town vote to discharge the Committee to Rewrite the By-laws, as it is now constituted, which Committee was appointed as the result of an affirmative vote of the Town on Article 22 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting for 1950.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of a committee of three to rewrite the Town By-Laws, and to report at the next Annual Town Meeting by presenting an article embodying the proposed By-Laws as re-written so that the report of the committee and the proposed By-Laws as re-written may be voted on at the 1954 Annual Town Meeting said committee to consist of Frank D. Henderson, Dorothy C. Lambert and Mary J. Salvador.

Moved that the Town vote to authorize the appointment of a committee of three to rewrite the Town By-Laws, and to report at the next Annual Town Meeting by presenting an article embodying the proposed By-Laws as re-written so that the report of the committee and the proposed By-Laws as re-written may be voted on at the 1954 Annual Town Meeting said committee to consist of Frank D. Henderson, Dorothy C. Lambert and Mary J. Salvador.

Mr. William Rogers explained the difficulties of the former committee in getting together and that by discharging the former committee, there would be no conflict with another committee.

Mr. Joseph Macara then moved to amend the motion by crossing out the names of Frank D. Henderson, Dorothy C. Lambert and Mary J. Salvador.

When Mrs. Ball questioned this amendment, Mr. Macara said that it would leave the Moderator free to appoint those who are competent, to which Mrs. Ball replied that the committee named were both competent and willing. Mr. Henderson said he thought the Chair should be given the privilege to appointment.

Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to grade, drain and pave Masonic Place and Cottage Street between

Bradford Street and Creek Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

Moved by Mr. Barnett that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to grade, drain and pave Masonic Place and Cottage Street between Bradford Street and Creek Road by the Highway Department.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote that the School Needs Survey Committee appointed under Article 25 of the Warrant for the Town Meeting held on February 11th, 1952 be constituted a School Building Committee with full authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish the building.

Mr. Barnett moved this article be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for the tentative Chapter 90 allotments for the 1953 Commercial Street project in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works preliminary estimates. The Commonwealth of Mass. to reimburse in the amount of 50% and the County to reimburse in the amount of 25% of the final construction costs.

Moved by Mr. Barnett that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be raised by taxation, and to transfer from available funds, the sum of \$9,000.00 the latter sum representing the repayable State and County share for the tentative Chapter 90, 1953 Commercial Street project, in accordance with Massachusetts Department of Public Works estimates.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Office of Constable or take any action in relation thereto.

(Selectman Barnett) Moved that the Town vote to abolish the Office of Constable in the Town, and that authority be given the Selectmen to appoint one or more

Constables, as provided in Section 1, Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Selectman Barnett said that men can be appointed as well as elected to this work and Mr. William Paige thought the Police Department could handle it.

Motion not carried.

On motion duly made and seconded the meeting was dissolved at 8:10 P. M.

GEORGE S. CHAPMAN,
Town Clerk

Report of the New Additional Water Supply Committee

February 9, 1953

The Additional Water Supply Committee, so called, was appointed by the Moderator under Article 13 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, February 11, 1952 which consists of the following: Marion Perry, Chairman, Frank H. Barnett, Frank R. Prada, Warren A. Alexander, Manuel F. Patrick, Sivert J. Benson and William H. Paige, Secretary.

The committee has held many meetings and with few exceptions, all members have been present. There were also part committee meetings with the engineers and contractors on locations in Truro, where water samples for analysis were to be acquired.

March 19, 1952, the committee went to Boston to meet with members of the Dept. of Health and Sanitation, to discuss water problems and to get information on, and addresses of other engineering firms that had good standing records. The committee was given names and addresses of several firms. The committee was told that Whitman and Howard Engineers were the best informed and did most of the work on the Cape. The committee mentioned the fact that they and many of the citizens were dissatisfied with the service that Provincetown had received from Whitman and Howard Engineers. The committee was told that if another firm was employed, it could cost the town \$20,000 to \$25,000 to get the necessary information that Whitman and Howard Engineers already had. After the meeting, it was decided to call on Mr. Paul Howard of Whitman and Howard Engineers.

The purpose of the meeting with Mr. Howard was to tell him how the committee felt about past services and to inquire as to what kind of service we could expect in the future. Mr. Howard seemed taken back some, but admitted the service had been poor and gave the committee assurances that it would not happen in the future. Mr. Howard also stated he had lost money on the job. While there, we discussed the matter of water tests and locations in Truro. At the next meeting of the committee, the entire committee voted to retain Whitman and Howard Engineers. A letter was sent to Whitman and Howard Engineers informing them of our decision and instructing them to draft the act for our approval. This act later became known as Chapter 439 of the Acts of 1952 which was passed by the General Court on June 10, 1952, signed by Governor Dever on June 12, 1952, and was unanimously accepted at a Special Town Meeting held on November 24, 1952 by the voters of Provincetown.

On April 8, 1952, the committee met with the Truro Selectmen at the Truro Town Hall. Purpose of the meeting was to give the Truro Selectmen copies of the act and to discuss the act with them, to give them as clear a picture as possible of our desires and intentions, as it applied to the act and to the future of Provincetown.

On May 22, 1952, the committee appeared at the Public Hearing in Truro Town Hall called by the Truro Selectmen to explain to the citizens of Truro the purpose of the act and to answer questions pertaining thereto.

On May 28, 1952, the committee appeared at a hearing held at the State House in Boston on Bill 2460, before the committee on Water Supply.

Mention should be made of the help and interest by our Senator, Edward C. Stone in connection with the above act, by speaking before the Committee on Water Supply, by letters and telephone calls.

On June 12, 1952, contracts were drawn up by Whitman and Howard Engineers, approved by the committee and advertised for competitive bids for acquiring water samples, from locations within the Town of Truro.

The contract for this work was awarded to M. C. Britt Company, Townsend, Mass., the lowest bidder, on September 25, 1952. Many samples of water were acquired

from several locations in Truro and sent to the Dept. of Health and Sanitation for analysis. The reports received from the Department of Health and Sanitation on the analysis of the water were good and very pleasing to the engineers and the committee.

The South Hollow Road location in Truro is recommended by the engineers and the committee as to quality and quantity for a new supply of water for Provincetown. The committee believes that the water supply at South Hollow Road location should take care of the water needs of Provincetown for many years.

Mr. Warren C. Silva, Superintendent of Public Works Dept. has kept himself up to date on the activities of the committee by attending all meetings and hearings wherever held.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Perry, Chairman
William H. Paige, Secretary
Frank H. Barnett
M. F. Patrick
Warren Alexander
Sivert J. Benson
Frank R. Prada

Committees Appointed by the Moderator for the Year 1953.

Additional School Building Committee: Manuel Patrick, Frank Bent.

Playground Committee: Mildred F. Greensfelder, Warren Alexander, Jr., Nellie Bent.

By-Law Committee: William Gordon, John C. Snow, Francis H. Marhsall.

Street Lighting Committee: William N. Rogers, George F. Miller, Jr., Emily L. Hiebert.

Off Street Parking Committee: Harold W. MacFarlane, Robert Creech, George Baker, Frank Perry, Warren Silva, Marion Perry, Fred W. Rogers.

February 20, 1953

I, George S. Chapman, Town Clerk of Provincetown, Mass., hereby certify that at the Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of said Town, duly called and held on

the 9th day of February 1953, the following action was taken on Article 36 of the Warrant:

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept by adding the following section to be known as section 18, under Article three of town affairs of the By-Laws, to wit: "No person shall install wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures or other appliances for carrying or using electricity for light, heat, or power within or connected to any building, without first notifying the Inspector of Wires in writing of the proposed installation, whoever violates this by-law shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty dollars."

Moved that the Town will vote to accept by adding the following section to be known as section 18, under Article three of Town affairs of the by-laws, to wit: "No person shall install wires, conduits, apparatus, fixtures or other appliances for carrying or using electricity for light, heat, or power within or connected to any building, without first notifying the Inspector of Wires, in writing of the proposed installation, and being issued a written permit to cover said installation. The Inspector of Wires, or his designated deputy, shall make an inspection of the installation and so certify his approval or disapproval in a fee or fees for his services as may be established by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Provincetown, and not in conflict with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All funds derived from the inspection, fees shall be delivered to the Town Treasurer for credit to General Revenue. Whoever violates this by-law shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty dollars."

Ballot was taken and the motion was carried by a vote of 128 YES to 28 NO.

I hereby certify that the above abstract is a True Copy from the Records of Town Meetings in the Clerk's office of the Town of Provincetown.

Attest: GEORGE S. CHAPMAN, Town Clerk

Boston, Mass., June 1, 1953

The within by-law is hereby approved.

GEORGE FINGOLD,
Attorney General

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY

January 23, 1953

Committee on Water Supply
Provincetown
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

We have made investigation relative to securing an additional water supply for the Town of Provincetown as directed by you and substantially as outlined in our report to the Board of Water Commissioners dated November 17, 1951.

The report of November 17, 1951 recommended the securing of an additional water supply having a capacity of 600 gallons per minute (864,000 gallons per day). Your Committee has requested that a supply of 800 gallons per minute be obtained.

The investigations show that a supply of 800 gallons per minute (1,152,000 gallons per day) can be secured from the valley along the south side of South Hollow Road in Truro to the east of the proposed new State Highway.

In order to be able to pump from this location at a rate of 800 gallons per minute it will be necessary to install eight wells so that the wells will be drafted at an average rate of 100 gallons per minute. The wells would be capable of delivering water at much higher rates, however, to do so would not be advisable as the water level in the ground is only about five feet nine inches above mean sea level. To draft at higher rates might cause the underlying salt water to come up into the wells.

The tests made at this location show that the wells would be about 63 feet deep. The logs of three typical test wells at this location and the test well data is attached (Pages 9 to 12). The locations of test wells are shown on the accompanying plans.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Wells

Build eight gravel packed wells averaging 63 feet deep and spaced about 150 feet apart, as shown on the

attached plan. Each well to be constructed by driving a steel casing, 12 inches in diameter, for the entire depth of each well and excavating the material from within. At the bottom of each well would be placed a strainer constructed of "everdur" metal, or its equal, which would be 8 inches in diameter and 10 feet long. An 8-inch wrought iron pipe would extend to a concrete seal at the surface of the ground. Around the pipe and strainer would be placed selected pea gravel, and then the steel casings would be removed and the well developed by surging and pumping and the addition of more gravel so that it would yield water with a minimum of resistance and so that it would not allow any sand to flow into the well and pumping system.

Well Connections and Collecting Pipe

Each well would be connected by means of an 8-inch cement lined cast iron pipe to a similar 12-inch cast iron collecting main leading to the suction side of the pump. An 8-inch gate valve would be installed on each well branch. The well branches and collecting main would be about 22 feet below the present surface of the ground. It is proposed that an open cut be made similar to that at the present North Truro well field and that the pipe be laid in a trench located in the bottom of the open cut.

Pumping Station and Equipment

It is proposed to build a pump house located about midway in the well field and facing South Hollow Road. The pump room portion of the building would be about 18 feet wide and 30 feet long. Attached to the pump room portion of the building would be two small rooms, one for the use of the attendant, and the other to house oil burner for heating purposes.

The type of pump unit would be similar to that recently installed at the North Truro pumping station. The water would flow through a steel sand and vacuum tank, 8 feet in diameter and 12 feet long, located in the suction pipe line at the entrance to the pump pit. Water would be drawn from this tank by means of a vertical type turbine pump located in a concrete pit about 22 feet 6 inches deep and 120 square feet in area. On the main pump room floor, which would be at an elevation just above that of the existing ground, would be located the right angle gear attached to the vertical pump column.

The horizontal drive of the right angle gear would be connected to a flexible type coupling which, in turn, would be connected to the clutch of the diesel engine. Seventy horse power would be required to pump 800 gallons per minute into the Provincetown Water system. It is proposed that a diesel engine having a normal rated capacity of at least 85 horse power be installed. A 9,500 to 10,000 gallon fuel oil storage tank would be located above ground adjacent to the pumping station.

The discharge from the pumping station would be measured by the usual type Venturi meter.

Discharge Main

The water would be conveyed from the new pumping station at South Hollow Road to the business center of Provincetown near the Town Hall by means of about 7 miles of new 12-inch pipe. The friction (resistance to flow) in this pipe line would be about 27 pounds. The pipe line would be connected to the existing discharge main from the Truro pumping station near the station so that it could be used during all but the summer months jointly with the existing main, so as to reduce the cost of pumping from the existing Truro wells whenever water was not being pumped from this new well field. The new pipe line would connect with and discharge into the existing water system near the center of Provincetown's business district.

Estimate of Cost of Construction

Wells			
8 wells averaging 63 feet deep			\$28,000
Suction mains			
480 ft. of 8-inch pipe and 750			
ft. of 12-inch pipe together with			
fittings, valves, etc. installed			33,000
Pumping Station			
sub-structure and foundation	\$14,000		
superstructure—750 square feet	6,000		20,000
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			\$81,000
Pumping Equipment			
1 - 85 horse power diesel engine driven			
pumping unit, together with piping, sand			
chamber, oil storage tank, Venturi meter,			
pressure relief valves, heating plant, etc.			20,000

Pipe Lines

7 miles of 12-inch asbestos-cement pipe together with valves, valve boxes, 2 hydrants for access purposes, 3 blow offs, relief valve installation, connection to existing system at the North Truro pumping station and at the business center of Town, pressure pipe line to existing North Truro pumping station for alarm, etc., resurfacing

207,000

\$308,000

Allowance for construction contingencies 15,000

Allowance for engineering, supervision of construction and miscellaneous expenses 25,000

\$348,000

The above estimate does not include allowance for purchasing the proposed well field area together with the two houses and chicken house on South Hollow Road facing the proposed well field.

You have requested us to estimate the additional cost of increasing the size of pipe from 12-inch to 16-inch from the South Hollow Road pumping station to a point opposite the North Truro pumping station. We find this cost to be \$33,000.

Cost of Pumping Water

The cost of pumping water from this pumping station would be about the same as the present cost from the North Truro pumping station.

Other Investigations

Test wells were also driven on the Silva Property in North Truro, the two locations shown on the accompanying plan as "Site A". The two locations will be separated by the new State Highway. From these two locations it appears that a further supply of at least 200 gallons per minute could be obtained from two wells almost 100 feet deep, each pumping 100 gallons per minute.

Test wells were also driven in two locations off from Hughes Road in North Truro. A good supply of 100 to 200 gallons per minute could be obtained from one of these locations where test well number 2 was driven. The yield was not satisfactory at location of test well number 1.

Test wells were driven at site E, well number 3. The yield from this location was not satisfactory.

Test wells were driven on the Fowler property, located at Site E, well number 4, shown on the accompanying plan. It appears that a further supply of about 200 gallons per minute could be obtained from wells in this location.

Water Quality

We have requested the State Department of Public Health to send direct for your record copies of analysis made from all the samples of water collected from the test wells, of which there were a great many. A typical analysis of the water from three test wells located at South Hollow Road, where it is recommended that a water supply be developed at this time, is attached.

From this analysis it appears that the water would be of good quality and similar to the water obtained now from your present North Truro well field.

The test of water quality made by the State Department of Public Health also shows the water to be of good quality at the following three locations:

Silva Property, test wells nos. 1 and 2

Site off Hughes Road, test well No. E-2

Site on Fowler Property, test well No. E-4

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend that an additional water supply be developed for the Town of Provincetown at the South Hollow Road site by means of wells.

We further recommend that the Committee be continued and that as the work develops they consider recommendations to the Town in relation to the acquiring of other sites investigated for the future use by the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITMAN & HOWARD, ENGINEERS

By Paul F. Howard

Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Water Analysis (Parts per Million)

Laboratory Boston

Provincetown

Source A 2-1/2" Test Wells No. 1 and No. 1A,
depth 62', Site B

Source B 2-1/2" Test Wells No. 2 and No. 2B,
depth 69', Site B

Source C 2-1/2" Test Wells No. 3B, depth 57'-5", Site B

	1	2	3
Sample No.	395054	395092	395034
Date of Collection	1/13/53	1/14/53	1/9/53
Turbidity	1	1	1
Sediment	1	0	1
Color	1	1	2
Odor - Cold	1 Veg.	1 Veg.	1 Veg.
Free Ammonia	.008	.004	.002
Total Albuminoid Ammonia	.012	.014	.010
Nitrogen - Nitrates	.03	.03	.20
Nitrites	.000	.001	.000
Chlorides	25.	32.	16.
Hardness	18	18	12
Alkalinity	2	3	2
pH	5.7	6.1	6.1
Iron	.02	.09	.02
Manganese	.00	.00	.00

TEST WELL DATA

Site B—South Hollow Road.

Well No. 1

Depth 62'

Static water level 26'-1" from ground

Pumped 25 g.p.m. with 22" vacuum

Pumped well No. 1A and observed well No. 1 which
is two feet from No. 1ADrawdown in No. 1 when pumping No. 1A at 25
g.p.m. is 11"

Specific yield = 27 gallons per foot

Elevation of static water level = 5.8' above mean
sea level

Well No. 2

Depth 69'-10"

Static water level 28' from ground

Pumped 25 g.p.m. with 28" vacuum
Pumped No. 2 observed 2B—2 ft. east of No. 2
Drawdown in 2B—.625 feet when pumping 15
g.p.m.

Specific yield = 27 gallons per foot

Well No. 3

Depth 57'-5"

Static water level 21'-7" from ground

Pumped 25 g.p.m. with 28" vacuum

Pumped well No. 3 observed No. 3A—2 feet from
No. 3Drawdown in No. 3A—1.25 feet when pumping 3
at 25 g.p.m.

Specific yield = 20 gallons per foot

LOG OF WELLS

Site B.—South Hollow Road

Log of material at Well No. 1

0 to 5'-0" sand and gravel

5'-0" to 10'-0" hard packed gravel

10'-0" to 37'-6" brown fine sand, traces of clay

37'-6" to 42'-1" fine to medium sand

42'-1" to 47'-2" medium sand

47'-2" to 62'-5" medium to coarse sand and small
gravel

62'-5" to 77'-9" medium sand

77'-9" to 82'-0" fine sand

Log of material at Well No. 2

0 to 8' sand and gravel, probable stump
at 5' depth

8' to 17'-5" clay and sand

17'-5" to 26'-0" clay

26'-0" to 28'-0" medium to coarse sand and some
fine sand28'-0" to 34'-6" medium to coarse sand and some
traces of clay34'-6" to 42'-2" medium to coarse sand, some fine
sand and small gravel42'-2" to 48'-0" medium to coarse sand and some
fine sand48'-0" to 49'-9" medium to coarse sand and some
fine sand

49'-9" to 53'-0" clay

53'-0" to 66'-0" medium to coarse sand and some fine sand
 66'-0" to 68'-6" fine sand and traces of clay
 68'-6" to 72'-2" medium to coarse sand and some small gravel
 72'-2" to 85'-0" fine sand and traces of clay

Log of material at Well No. 3

0 to 1'-0" top soil
 1'-0" to 15'-6" coarse sand
 15'-6" to 24'-0" coarse sand and gravel, hard packed
 24'-0" to 29'-0" coarse sand
 29'-0" to 48'-0" coarse to medium sand with some fine sand
 48'-0" to 60'-6" medium to coarse sand with some fine sand
 60'-6" to 65'-7" fine sand and some medium and coarse sand, traces of yellow clay, hard driving

Silva Property—Site A

Wells No. 1 and 1B

0 to 1'-0" sandy loam
 1'-0" to 5'-0" medium sand
 5'-0" to 22'-6" medium sand some gravel
 22'-6" to 51'-0" fine sand
 51'-0" to 60'-0" fine to medium sand
 60'-0" to 65'-0" coarse brown sand
 65'-0" to 75'-0" medium to coarse sand some fine sand
 75'-0" to 87'-6" medium to fine sand
 87'-6" to 90'-8" coarse sand some fine sand
 90'-8" to 98'-4" coarse sand
 98'-4" to 104'-3" medium to fine sand

Wells No. 2 and 2A

0 to 1'-0" sandy loam
 1'-0" to 19'-0" medium sand some gravel
 19'-0" to 29'-4" coarse red sand
 29'-4" to 39'-11" coarse red sand
 39'-11" to 48'-0" fine sand
 48'-0" to 50'-6" medium to fine sand
 50'-6" to 57'-0" medium to coarse sand
 57'-0" to 68'-3" medium sand
 68'-3" to 76'-0" medium sand some fine sand

76'-0" to 81'-0" fine sand some clay
 81'-0" to 85'-6" medium to fine sand
 85'-6" to 101'-0" medium to coarse sand
 101'-0" to 110'-0" medium to fine sand some coarse
 110'-0" to 111'-0" medium to fine sand some clay

Site off Hughes Road—Site E

Well No. 1

0 to 8'-0" medium to coarse sand some gravel
 8'-0" to 23'-0" coarse brown sand and gravel
 23'-0" to 27'-0" white clay
 27'-0" to 34'-0" fine sand trace of clay
 34'-0" to 40'-4" clay
 40'-4" to 46'-0" fine sand some clay
 46'-0" to 47'-6" clay
 47'-6" to 49'-9" fine sand and clay
 49'-9" to 53'-6" fine and coarse sand some clay
 53'-6" to 55'-9" fine sand
 55'-9" to 57'-6" hard packed, medium sand some gravel
 57'-6" to 60'-6" hard packed, medium sand some gravel and clay

Wells No. 2 and 2A

0 to 3'-0" sandy loam
 3'-0" to 5'-0" loam and peat
 5'-0" to 35'-0" coarse sand and gravel
 35'-0" to 38'-0" medium to fine sand
 38'-0" to 39'-0" white clay
 39'-0" to 40'-0" medium to fine sand

Well No. 3

0 to 32' medium to coarse sand some fine
 32' to 47' medium to fine sand
 pulled back to 32' and developed

Well No. 4

0 to 22' medium to coarse brown sand
 22' to 35' medium to coarse brown sand
 35' to 43' medium to coarse brown sand
 43' to 49' coarse red sand and brown gravel
 49' to 54' coarse white sand and gravel
 54' to 59' coarse sand
 59' to 64' medium to coarse sand
 pulled back to 54' and developed

Finance Committee Report

	1952 Appropriated	1953 Requested	Recom- mended
General Government			
1. Legislative:			
Moderator	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Finance Committee Expense	100.00	100.00	100.00
2. Selectmen:			
Salaries	2,310.00	2,400.00	600.00
Expenses	600.00	500.00	300.00
3. Town Clerk:			
Salary	1,320.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Expenses	950.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4. Treasurer:			
Salary	1,320.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Expenses and Bond	1,150.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
5. Assessors:			
Salaries	2,310.00	2,400.00	600.00
Expenses	1,200.00	1,000.00	500.00
6. Tax Collector:			
Salary	2,120.00	2,120.00	2,120.00
Expenses and Bond	1,403.00	1,403.00	1,403.00
7. Auditor:			
Salary	450.00	450.00	450.00
Expenses	10.00	None	None
8. Law-Legal Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
9. Election and Registration:			
Salaries	400.00	400.00	400.00
Expenses	1,200.00	700.00	700.00
10. Town Hall and Grounds	8,488.50	9,000.00	7,000.00
Protection Persons and Property			
11. Police Department:			
Salaries	17,943.60	17,996.00	17,996.00
Expenses	1,300.00	1,040.00	1,040.00
Maintenance	1,110.00	1,110.00	1,110.00
12. Fire Department:			
Salaries	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance Fire Trucks	302.10	318.50	318.50
Water tax	3,232.00	3,252.00	3,252.00
13. Sealer Weights and Measures:			
Salary	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00

14. Moth Extermination	500.00	750.00	300.00
15. Elm Trees	100.00	250.00	100.00
16. Tree Warden Salary	25.00	25.00	25.00
Health and Sanitation			
17. General Health	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
Salaries	300.00	None	None
Salary Agent	2,080.00	1,520.00	1,520.00
Visiting Nurse	3,200.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
Inspector Cattle and Slaughtering	100.00	100.00	100.00
18. Department of Public Works			
Salary and Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
19. Rubbish Disposal	11,990.00	11,913.88	11,913.88
20. Highway Department	15,215.00	15,150.00	15,150.00
21. Water Department	43,791.18	44,988.58	44,988.58
22. Roads and Walks	14,530.00	13,150.00	13,150.00
23. Street Lighting	10,114.22	9,500.00	9,500.00
Charities and Veteran's Benefits			
24. Public Welfare Department			
Salaries	2,100.00	2,100.00	600.00
Expenses	300.00	300.00	300.00
25. Outside Poor	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
26. Infirmary	6,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Repair of skylights	None	500.00	500.00
27. Aid to Dependent Children	18,792.00	19,420.00	19,420.00
Administration	547.72	64.77	64.77
28. Veteran's Benefits	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
29. Salary Agent	600.00	None	None
30. Old Age Assistance	103,834.00	88,251.00	88,251.00
Administration	3,601.58	2,511.54	2,511.54
30a. Disability Assistance	5,000.00	6,070.00	6,070.00
Administration	None	22.79	22.79
Education and Library			
31. Maintenance Schools	120,000.00	131,480.00	116,250.00
32. Capital Outlay (Including Oil Burner)	None	3,750.00	3,750.00
33. Cafeteria	2,450.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
34. Vocational School	5,445.00	4,785.00	4,785.00
34a. Vocational Household Arts	1,870.00	2,440.00	2,440.00
35. Adult Education	100.00	None	None
36. Insurance Public Buildings	6,043.00	5,994.50	5,994.50
37. Public Libraries	5,635.00	7,350.34	6,550.34
Recreation and Unclassified			
38. Armistice Day	500.00	500.00	500.00
39. Memorial Day	500.00	500.00	500.00
40. Reserve Fund	6,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
41. Town and Finance Reports	831.60	1,038.00	1,038.00

42. Bounty on Seals	100.00	100.00	100.00
43. Ambulance Hire Appropriation	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
44. Zoning Committee	50.00	50.00	50.00
45. Town Pier			
Maintenance	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Salaries	450.00	450.00	450.00
46. Town Cemeteries	900.00	900.00	800.00
Salaries	100.00	100.00	100.00
Soldier's Monument Committee	50.00	100.00	50.00
Veteran's Graves	50.00	50.00	50.00
47. Shellfish Constables			
Salaries and Expenses	1,800.00	1,500.00	25.00
48. Inspector of Wires	150.00	250.00	250.00
49. Dog Officer Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00
50. Barnstable County Retirement			
Fund	1,046.37	1,596.83	1,596.83
51. Building Inspector	150.00	150.00	150.00
52. Parking Meter Expense	None	1,000.00	None
53. Insurance Fund Laborers			
Mechancis Chapter 807 Acts 1913	2,400.00	2,316.36	2,316.36
Interest and Maturing Debts			
54. Interest Temporary Loans	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
55. Interest Funded Debt	255.00	202.50	202.50
56. Maturing Debt	4,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
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	\$513,515.87	\$499,430.59	\$472,375.59

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee,

FRANK ROWE, Chairman
 BURTON KENNEY, Secretary
 CHARLES BOWEN
 MANUEL F. PATRICK
 JOSEPH MACARA
 CHESTER PECK
 MANUEL MACARA
 JAMES PERRY
 COMDR. WM. W. McKELLAR

SPECIAL ELECTION.

Monday, March 30, 1953 at 12 Noon

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Barnstable, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Provincetown
 in the County of Barnstable Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 30th day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To ballot on the following question:

"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three, entitled 'An act to establish the Selectman-Manager form of government in the Town of Provincetown,' be accepted by this Town?"

The Polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 6 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at stores of: Marion Perry, Manuel Peters, Cabral's Market, Kermit's Market, Cozy Corner Lunch, B. H. Dyer Co., Allen & Allen Inc., Brownell's Pharmacy Inc., Adams' Pharmacy Inc., Cutler Pharmacy, Inc., Board of Trade, Knights of Columbus, Fishermen's Market, Roza Shop, Bryant's Market, John A. Francis, Shaw's General Store, Tillie's Market, Lands End Marine Supply Co., Post Office in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof Fail Not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 12th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

FRANK H. BARNETT
 JOSEPH E. MATTA
 WILLIAM A. WHITE

Selectmen of Provincetown

A true copy. Attest:
 JOSEPH AGNA, Constable.

Provincetown, March 17th, 1953

Barnstable, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, by posting up attested copies of the same at stores: Marion Perry, Manuel Peters, Cabral's Market, Kermit's Market, Cozy Corner Lunch, B. H. Dyer Co., Allen & Allen Inc., Brownell's Pharmacy, Adams' Pharmacy Inc., Cutler's Pharmacy Inc., Board of Trade, Knights of Columbus, Fishermen's Market, Roza Barber Shop, Bryant's Market, John A. Francis, Shaw's General Store, Tillie's Market, Lands End Marine Supply Co., Post Office in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, before the date hereof as within directed.

JOSEPH AGNA,

Constable of Provincetown

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Town Hall for the purpose of balloting, on Monday, the thirtieth day of March 1953; the election was called to order by the Moderator and the Warrant was read by Francis J. Steele, presiding officer, and the Polls were declared open at 12 o'clock Noon.

Election Officers: Thomas A. Francis, Ballot Clerk, Arthur C. Patrick, George Rogers, Sivert J. Benson, Frank H. Barnett, William A. White, Joseph E. Matta, Marion Perry, Richard Jennings, Irving S. Rogers, Warren A. Alexander, Tellers.

The Tellers were supplied with lists of the registered voters of the town, the ballot box was shown to be empty, and the key delivered to the Chief of Police, William N. Rogers.

The first fifty ballots were taken from the ballot box at 12:25 P. M. and at 6 P. M. the Polls were closed, 1012 ballots having been cast, 8 ballots being absent voters.

The result of the election was read by the Moderator as follows:

"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year

nineteen hundred and fifty-three, entitled 'An act to establish the Selectman-Manager form of government in the Town of Provincetown' be accepted by this Town?"

YES 541

NO 469

Attest: GEORGE S. CHAPMAN, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 22, 1953 at 7:30 P. M.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Barnstable, s.s.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Provincetown
in the County of Barnstable

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the twenty-second day of June next, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To hear the Report of the Building Survey Committee for a New School, appointed under Article 42 of the Annual Town Meeting held on February 9, 1953.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$480,000.00 for the purpose of constructing an elementary school on land owned by the Town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said building, determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriations, from available funds in the Treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645, of the Acts of 1948 as amended or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of constructing an elementary school on land owned by the Town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said building, determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation, from available funds in the Treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$318,000.00 for the purpose

of constructing an elementary school on land owned by the Town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said building, determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation, from available funds in the Treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000.00 for the purpose of constructing 2 elementary schools, on land owned by the Town or to be acquired by the Town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said buildings, determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase land of Wilfred Kay at the corner of Bradford and West Vine Streets, to serve as a site for an elementary school or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to have the Building Survey Committee, appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting, be constituted a School Building Committee, with full authority to enter into all contracts, and agreements, necessary to construct, equip and furnish the building or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 206, Acts of 1953, Sections one and two or take any action in relation thereto, which act authorizes the Town of Provincetown to appropriate money for Municipal Advertising Purposes. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The town of Provincetown may annually appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars for advertising the advantage of the town with special reference to its facilities for Summer vacations, recreation, residential purposes and seashore advantages. The money so appropriated shall be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Section 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by said Town within five years after its passage.
Approved March 23, 1953

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 5, Chapter 624, Acts of 1952, as follows: pertaining to retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain public employees:

Section 5. The increases granted under this act with respect to pension retirement allowances or annuities payable by the Commonwealth or by the teachers retirement system shall take effect on December first, nineteen hundred and fifty-two. The increases granted under this act with respect to pensions, retirement allowances or annuities payable by any county, city, town or district shall take effect when accepted in a county by the county commissioners thereof; in a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such city; in a town, by a majority vote at a town meeting; and in a district, by its prudential committee. Approved July 5, 1952

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50.00 from the Land for School appropriation to the Manuel V. Motta Memorial Field Account.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$150.00 from the Land for School Appropriation to the Eastern School Building Repairs Account.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Works to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, such rights, titles and easements as may be necessary for the purpose of establishing an additional water supply system in the Town of Truro, for the purpose of supplying the Town of Provincetown and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 439, Acts of 1952, the following three parcels of land:

"A parcel of land situated in the Town of Truro, belonging to Flora N. Peters and Bounded:

WESTERLY by a proposed State Highway, 402 feet;
NORTHWESTERLY by a curved line at the junction of said proposed State Highway and South Hollow road, 296 feet;

NORTHERLY by said South Hollow Road, 250 feet;
WESTERLY by said South Hollow Road, 23 feet;
NORTHERLY again by said South Hollow Road, 227 feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of George Williams, Jr., 302 feet;
NORTHERLY by land of said Williams, Jr., by various courses, about 1097 feet;
EASTERLY by a strip of other land belonging to Flora N. Peters, 246 feet, more or less;
SOUTHERLY by land of Bernard Schardt, 555 feet, more or less;
WESTERLY by land of said Flora N. Peters, 117 feet; and SOUTHERLY again by land of said Peters, 714 feet;

A second parcel of land situated in the Town of Truro, belonging to George Williams, Jr., et ux bounded

NORTHERLY by South Hollow Road, about 1066 feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by land of Matilda A. Small, 145 feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY by land of Flora N. Peters, about 1117 feet, by various courses;
SOUTHWESTERLY by land of said Peters, 302 feet;
A third parcel of land situated in the Town of Truro, belonging to Alton E. Rich and bounded:
WESTERLY by a proposed State Highway, 161 feet;
NORTHERLY by other land of said Alton E. Rich, by two courses, 743 feet and 770 feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by other land of said Alton E. Rich, 347 feet, more or less;
SOUTHERLY by South Hollow Road, 777 feet, more or less;
WESTERLY by land of said John J. Thomas, 125 feet;
SOUTHERLY by land of said Thomas, 480 feet;
EASTERLY by land of said Thomas, 99 feet;
SOUTHERLY by South Hollow Road, 234 feet; and
SOUTHWESTERLY by a curved line at the junction of South Hollow Road, and said proposed State Highway, 96 feet.

and to raise and appropriate by borrowing, transfer from the appropriation already voted under Article 4 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of February 9, 1953, or taxation or any other legal method, a sufficient sum of money to pay for such improvements and for land damages or take any action thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Off Street Parking Committee to 7 members, to be appointed by the Moderator.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at stores of: Marion Perry, Kermit's Market, Ernest Carreiro, Cabral's Market, Cozy Corner Lunch, B. H. Dyer Co., Allen & Allen, Inc., Brownell's Pharmacy, Adams' Pharmacy, Inc., U. S. Post Office, Cutler's Pharmacy, Inc., Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce, Frank Roza, Tillie's Store, Fishermen's Market, Bryant's Market, Nelson's Market, John A. Francis, Shaw's General Store, Lands End Marine Supply Co., in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 10th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

FRANK H. BARNETT
WILLIAM A. WHITE
JOSEPH E. MATTA

Selectmen of Provincetown

Barnstable, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown by posting up attested copies of the same at Post Office, Chamber of Commerce, Adams' Pharmacy, Cutler's Pharmacy, Cozy Corner, Nelson's Market, Knights of Columbus, Lands End Marine Supply Co., Shaw's General Store, Bryant's Market, Tillie's Store, Marion Perry, Kermit's Market, Ernest Carreiro, Cabral's Market, John A. Francis, Fishermen's Market, B. H. Dyer Co., Allen & Allen, Inc., Frank Roza, Brownell's Pharmacy, seven days before the date hereof, as within directed.

JOSEPH AGNA,
Constable of Provincetown

Attest:

GEORGE S. CHAPMAN, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, met at the Town Hall on Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1953, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening and were called to order by the Moderator and the Warrant was read by Francis J. Steele, Moderator.

Mr. William Paige moved that Article 12 be taken up at this time, before the lengthy school articles. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Works to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, such rights, titles and easements as may be necessary for the purpose of establishing an additional water supply system in the Town of Truro, for the purpose of supplying the Town of Provincetown and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 439, Acts of 1952, the following three parcels of land:

"A parcel of land situated in the Town of Truro, belonging to Flora N. Peters and bounded:

WESTERLY by a proposed State Highway, 402 feet;
NORTHWESTERLY by a curved line at the junction of said proposed State Highway and South Hollow Road, 95 feet;
NORTHERLY by said South Hollow Road, 250 feet;
WESTERLY by said South Hollow Road, 23 feet;
NORTHERLY again by said South Hollow Road, 227 feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of George Williams, Jr., 302 feet;
NORTHERLY by land of said Williams, Jr., by various courses, about 1097 feet;
EASTERLY by a strip of other land belonging to Flora N. Peters, 246 feet, more or less;
SOUTHERLY by land of Bernard Schardt, 555 feet, more or less;
WESTERLY by land of said Flora N. Peters, 117 feet;
SOUTHERLY again by land of said Peters, 714 feet;

A second parcel of land situated in the Town of Truro, belonging to George Williams, Jr., et ux, bounded:
NORTHERLY by South Hollow Road, about 1066 feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by land of Matilda A. Small, 145 feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by land of Flora N. Peters, about 1117 feet, by various courses;

SOUTHWESTERLY by land of said Peters, 302 feet;

A third parcel of land situated in the Town of Truro, belonging to Alton E. Rich and bounded:

WESTERLY by a proposed State Highway, 161 feet;

NORTHERLY by other land of said Alton E. Rich, by two courses, 743 feet and 770 feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by other land of said Alton E. Rich, 347 feet, more or less;

SOUTHERLY by South Hollow Road, 777 feet, more or less;

WESTERLY by land of John J. Thomas, 125 feet;

SOUTHERLY by land of said Thomas, 480 feet;

EASTERLY by land of said Thomas, 99 feet;

SOUTHERLY by South Hollow Road, 234 feet; and

SOUTHWESTERLY by a curved line at the junction of South Hollow Road, and said proposed State Highway, 96 feet.

and to raise and appropriate by borrowing, transfer from the appropriation already voted under Article 4 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of February 9, 1953, or taxation or any other legal method, a sufficient sum of money to pay for such improvements and for land damages or take any other action thereto.

Moved by Mr. Paige that the Board of Public Works be and it hereby is authorized and instructed to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, such rights, titles and easements as may be necessary for the purpose of establishing an additional water supply system in the Town of Truro, for the purpose of supplying the Town of Provincetown and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 439 of the Acts of 1952, the following three parcels of land, all shown in the plan entitled "Plan of land in North Truro Well Field Area for the Town of Provincetown dated June 1953, Francis J. Alves, Civil Engineer, Provincetown, Massachusetts."

PARCEL 1. A parcel of land situated in the Town of Truro belonging to Flora N. Peters and bounded:

WESTERLY by State Highway 1953 alteration, 431.72 feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by a curved line at the junction of

said State Highway and South Hollow Road, 123.03 feet;

NORTHERLY by said South Hollow Road by two courses, 210.98 feet and 29.43 feet;

WESTERLY by said South Hollow Road, 23.50 feet;

NORTHERLY again by said South Hollow Road by two courses, 211.44 feet and 26.86 feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of George Williams, Jr. and Mary D. Williams, 306.09 feet;

NORTHERLY by land of said Williams by six courses, 138.42 feet; 78.27 feet; 345.90 feet; 143.56 feet; 316.26 feet; and 76.01 feet;

EASTERLY by a strip of other land belonging to Flora N. Peters by three courses, 93.29 feet; 78.74 feet; and 82.71 feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by other land of said Flora N. Peters by two courses, 459.81 feet and 283.16 feet;

SOUTHERLY by land of Bernard Schardt by seven courses, 47.98 feet; 80.05 feet; 168.77 feet; 64.80 feet; 41.86 feet; 55.62 feet and 94.62 feet;

WESTERLY by land of said Flora N. Peters, 116.90 feet;

SOUTHERLY again by land of said Peters by two courses, 368.84 feet and 351.46 feet;

containing 14.88 acres more or less.

PARCEL 2. Shown on said plan being land situated in the Town of Truro belonging to Alton E. Rich and bounded:

WESTERLY by State Highway 1953 alteration, 159.67 feet;

NORTHERLY by other land of said Alton E. Rich by two courses as shown on said plan, 530.41 feet; and 277.13 feet;

NORTHERLY again by said land of Alton E. Rich, 773.07 feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by other land of said Rich by two courses, 86.54 feet; and 263.47 feet;

SOUTHERLY by South Hollow Road by three courses, 144.49 feet; 501.04 feet; and 122.26 feet;

WESTERLY by land now or formerly of John J. and Ruth C. Thomas, 125 feet;

SOUTHERLY by land of said Thomas by two courses, 270.58 feet; and 209.42 feet;

EASTERLY by land of said Thomas, 101.33 feet;

SOUTHERLY by South Hollow Road by two courses, 30.18 feet and 203.30 feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY by a curved line at the junction of

South Hollow Road and said State Highway, 124.88 feet;

containing 8.90 acres more or less.

PARCEL 3. Shown on said plan being land situated in the Town of Truro belonging to George Williams, Jr. and Mary D. Williams and bounded:

NORTHERLY by South Hollow Road by three courses, 370.32 feet; 506.60 feet; and 173.17 feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of the heirs of Thomas K. Small, 143.80 feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by land of Flora N. Peters by seven courses, 21.20 feet; 76.01 feet; 316.26 feet; 143.56 feet; 345.90 feet; 78.27 feet; and 138.42 feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY by land of said Peters, 306.09 feet; containing 6.04 acres more or less. All of said measurements and contents being according to said plan.

And that there be and hereby is appropriated by transfer from the amount already voted under Article 4 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of February 9, 1953, the sum of \$373,172.71 to pay for such improvements and for land damages, and the Board of Public Works is further authorized to do all such acts and things as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in Chapter 439 of the Acts of 1952.

Mr. Paige, Secretary of the Additional Water Supply Committee, explained that the article in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant wasn't exactly sufficient and that without this action it would be impossible to buy or take legally to finish the project. Judge Welsh pointed out that it was necessary to have a two-thirds vote to take by eminent domain.

Motion passed Yes 125 - No 0.

ARTICLE 1. To hear the Report of the Building Survey Committee for a New School, appointed under Article 42 of the Annual Town Meeting held on February 9, 1953.

Mr. Ralph S. Carpenter, Chairman Elementary School Building Committee, moved to hear the Report of the Building Survey Committee for a New School, appointed under Article 42 of the Annual Town Meeting held on February 9, 1953.

Mr. Carpenter in his report gave a detailed descrip-

tion of the four plans submitted by architects, as presented in the outline mailed to everyone in Town. He said that it was evident at the Annual Town Meeting people were not prepared to pass on the original plan and that the Committee had endeavored to do as asked in seeking for considerable less expensive schools. He added that other architects came very near the same amount as presented at that meeting, and that the Walter M. Gaffney plan had been reduced from \$500,000.00 to \$480,000.00 by combining the cafeteria and recreation hall for a 14-room school building. Mr. Carpenter said the original plan was again presented in the belief that we are not prepared to go into a modernistic plan at this time.

Plan B was presented as a splendid school, perfectly functional, of "modern" design architecture at a cost of \$400,000.00.

Plan C reduced the number of rooms to 10, which would keep in use the Bradford School for the last two elementary grades. (\$318,000.00)

Plan D, the third submitted by Gilbert Associates, suggested by two members of the Committee would provide two new elementary schools, with none of the facilities in the larger schools, not approved by the State Schoolhouse Assistance Commission.

Mr. Carpenter said that on the first three plans the State each year pays 24% of the amount we pay. He said that though the Committee had not been united in their ideas, the members presented these plans which they considered feasible and possible.

As Mr. Carpenter moved the report be accepted, Superintendent of Schools Charles F. Ross asked if this action would discharge the Committee, and Judge Welsh suggested the report be laid on the table until after discussion on the article.

Mr. Carpenter then moved that Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5 be brought up for discussion at the same time. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$480,000.00 for the purpose of constructing an elementary school on land owned by the Town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said building, determine whether the money shall be

provided for by appropriations, from available funds in the Treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645, of the Acts of 1948 as amended or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 for the purpose of constructing an elementary school on land owned by the Town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said building, determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation, from available funds in the Treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$318,000.00 for the purpose of constructing an elementary school on land owned by the Town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said building, determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation, from available funds in the Treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000.00 for the purpose of constructing 2 elementary schools, on land owned by the Town or to be acquired by the Town, and for originally equipping and furnishing said buildings, determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Carpenter in reply to a question on materials to be used on these plans, replied that they would be constructed of brick, glass and steel. He explained that the sheet steel to be used is of such size that two men can do the work which formerly took twelve men to do, thus saving a great deal on labor costs; locating the school on land owned by the Town back of the High School toward the end seemed best for more space and less expense, rather than the now soft-filled land directly in back of the High School.

Mr. Manuel Cabral strongly urged action on the best plan (Plan A) and received great response from the voters in approval. Mr. Edward J. Dahill, Jr., High School teacher also voiced his approval of this plan.

Mr. Manuel F. Patrick, member of the school building committee saw no reason for considering a school for \$480,000.00 in Provincetown, accusing some members of the committee with "wanting a monument to their ego."

Mr. Elmer Greensfelder and Mr. John Small both stressed that we were building for the future, that we should accept the burden and go along with the committee for the sake of the children.

Mr. Francis Alves of the School Committee suggested a saving of \$30,000.00 on a school of wooden construction, to which Mr. Carpenter replied by pointing out the advantages of the water-proof construction in the plan presented and said there would be very little saving on wooden construction, if any, as most of the modern building is built of glass block.

On being asked by Mr. Joseph Days as to the difference of the buildings for \$480,000 and \$400,000.00, Mr. Carpenter replied that it was purely the architecture.

Superintendent of Schools Ross expressed belief that the school population would increase, to which Selectman Barnett pointed out that the Town's population had decreased from 4300 in 1925 to the present population of 3700, and supported Plan C for the \$318,000.00 building.

Mrs. Grace Collinson, speaking as a teacher, stressed that education today puts many demands on the teacher which cannot be done right and satisfactorily and happily under present circumstances, and that she was definitely in favor of the 14-room building.

Dr. Thomas F. Perry, member of the School Committee, pointed out that besides the difference in architecture, the \$480,000.00 building had one-fifth more space and it would be constructed of brick, not brick veneer of the \$400,000.00 building which would mean considerably more leaks. (Mr. Days and Mr. Carpenter had thought that the two buildings were exactly the same size.) Mr. Days then said that difference placed an entirely new light on the subject and that 4000 sq. ft. difference would be worth the extra money on Plan A.

Mr. Ross explained in answer to a statement by Mr. Barnett (that the High School rooms are not filled and that the Truro pupils would not be coming to Provincetown,) that in a High School the subjects are elective and every room is not expected to be filled, that the 7th and 8th grade pupils will not be taken from Provincetown at present.

Mr. Carpenter moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$480,000.00 for the purpose of constructing an elementary school on land owned by the Town, and for equipping and furnishing said building, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Chapter 645 Acts of 1948 and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$380,000.00 under authority of Chapter 44, General Laws and Chapter 645, Acts of 1948, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town so that the whole loan be paid in not more than 20 years from date of issue of the first bond or note and to transfer the sum of \$68,416.84 from the Post War Reconstruction Fund and also to transfer the sum of \$31,583.16 from free cash. (amended by Mr. William McKellar, amendment passed): This to be constructed in accordance with Plan "A" as submitted in print to this meeting.

Motion as amended passed Yes 132 - No 14.

Moved by Selectman Barnett Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

Moved Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

Moved Article 5 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase land of Wilfred Kay at the corner of Bradford and West Vine Streets, to serve as a site for an elementary school or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

Moved that Article 6 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to have the Building Survey Committee, appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting, be constituted a School Building Committee, with full authority to enter into all contracts, and agreements, necessary to construct, equip, and furnish the building or otherwise to take any action in relation thereto.

Moved by Selectman Barnett that the Town vote to have the Building Survey Committee appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting be constituted a School Building Committee with full authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip, and furnish the building.

Superintendent Ross offered an amendment to read that the committee not include those members not in favor of this plan. Moderator Steele refused this, to which Selectman Barnett also objected.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 206, Acts of 1953, Sections one and two or take any action in relation thereto, which act authorizes the Town of Provincetown to appropriate money for Municipal Advertising Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Provincetown may annually appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars for advertising the advantages of the town with special reference to its facilities for Summer vacations, recreation, residential purposes and seashore advantages. The money so appropriated shall be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Section 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by said town within five years after its passage.

Approved March 23, 1953

Moved by Mr. Barnett that the Town vote to accept Chapter 206, Acts of 1953—"An act authorizing the Town of Provincetown to appropriate money for municipal advertising purposes."

Motion carried by a standing vote of Yes 52 - No 3.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to accept Section 5, Chapter 624, Acts of 1952, as follows; pertaining to retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees:

Section 5. The increases granted under this act with respect to pension retirement allowances or annuities payable by the Commonwealth or by the teachers retirement system shall take effect on December first, nineteen hundred and fifty-two. The increases granted under this act with respect to pensions, retirement allowances or annuities payable by any county, city, town or district shall take effect when accepted in a county by the county commissioners thereof; in a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the City council; in a city not having such a charter by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such a city; in a town, by a majority vote at a town meeting; and in a district, by its prudential committee.

Approved July 5, 1952

Article 9 declared out of order, as taken up only at annual town meeting. No motion.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50.00 from the Land for School appropriation to the Manuel V. Motta Memorial Field Account.

Moved by Selectman White that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$50.00 from the Land for School Appropriation to the Manuel V. Motta Memorial Field Account.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$150.00 from the Land for School appropriation to the Eastern School Building Repairs Account.

Moved by Selectman White that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$150.00 from the Land for School Appropriation to the Eastern School Building Repairs Account.

Motion carried by a standing vote Yes 52 - No 1.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Off Street Parking Committee to 7 members, to be appointed by the Moderator.

Moved by Selectman Barnett that the Town vote to increase the Off Street Parking Committee to 7 members, said members to be appointed by the Moderator.

Motion carried.

Moved by Selectman Barnett that the Report of the Building Survey Committee for a New School (Article 1) be accepted and the committee continued.

Motion passed.

On motion duly made and seconded the meeting was dissolved at 9:50 P. M.

GEORGE S. CHAPMAN,
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, August 17, 1953 at 7:30 P. M.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Barnstable, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Provincetown in the County of Barnstable

Greeting.

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the 17th day of August next, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser automobile, to replace the present cruiser automobile.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Police Expenses.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at stores of: Marion Perry, Kermit's Market, Ernest Carreiro, B. H. Dyer Co., Allen & Allen, Inc., Brownell's Pharmacy, Inc., Adams' Pharmacy, Inc., Post Office, Cutler's Pharmacy, Inc., K. of C., Fishermen's Market, Board of Trade, Tillie's Store, John A. Francis, Bryant's Market in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

JOSEPH E. MATTA
WILLIAM A. WHITE

Selectmen of Provincetown

A true copy, Attest:

HENRY F. MARTIN, Constable

August 8th, 1953

Barnstable, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown by posting up attested copies of the same at the stores of Marion Perry, Kermit's Market, Ernest Carreiro, B. H. Dyer Co., Allen & Allen Inc., Brownell's Pharmacy, Inc., Adams' Pharmacy Inc., U. S. Post Office, Cutler's Pharmacy Inc., K. of C. Building, Fishermen's Market, Board of Trade, Tillie's Store, John A. Francis, Bryant's Market, seven days before the date hereof, as within directed.

HENRY F. MARTIN,

Constable of Provincetown

Attest: George S. Chapman, Town Clerk

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, met at the Town Hall on Monday, the 17th day of August, 1953, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening and were called to order by the Moderator and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser automobile, to replace the present cruiser automobile.

Moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purchase of a New Police Cruiser Automobile to replace the present cruiser automobile.

Motion was carried.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Police Expenses.

Moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Police Expense Account.

Motion was carried.

On motion duly made and seconded the meeting was dissolved at 7:45 P. M.

Attest: **GEORGE S. CHAPMAN**, Town Clerk

Town Clerk's Report

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1953

January

3. Frank V. Macioci of Dongan Hill, N. Y. and Phyllis J. Packett of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.
3. John E. Browne and Laura L. Perry, both of Provincetown.
31. Billy M. Hensley of Glencoe, N. M. and Martha A. McKellar, of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.

February

4. Edmund J. Harrington of Provincetown, and Loretta J. Pacellini of New Bedford. Married in New Bedford.
14. Vincent F. Henrique and Phyllis M. White, both of Provincetown.
14. Stanley E. Robbins of Dennisport, and Mary A. Cruza of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.

March

No Marriages in March

April

5. George F. Miller Jr. and Viola A. Hogan, both of Provincetown.
6. Robert Joseph Cambra and Lorraine C. Aresta, both of Provincetown.
18. Lawrence A. Parker of Dora, Ala., and Joan E. Brownell of Provincetown. Married in Worcester.
30. Richard A. Terry of Alderson, W. Va., and Mary Loretta Santos of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.

May

9. Philip J. Henrique and Mary S. Miller, both of Provincetown.
28. Austin L. Rose Jr. of Truro, and Mary L. Ferreira of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.

June

6. Joseph S. Bent of Provincetown, and Mildred C. Essmon of Cambridge. Married in Cambridge.
6. Joseph Pratus Jr. and Shirley L. Anthony, both of Provincetown.
10. Ronald K. Shields of Ashley, W. Va., and Rose M. Joseph of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.
17. Carl D. Cowart of Stony Point, N. C., and Elaine K. Ferreira of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.

July

7. Edward T. Menard of Woonsocket, R. I. and Marie Bruneau of Woonsocket, R. I. Married in Provincetown.
11. Edward A. Zawaduk of Lincoln, Me. and Marilyn B. Motta of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.

August

8. Alan D. Carver of Forest Grove, Pa. and Joan L. Christopher of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.
25. John R. Christy of Andover, Mass., and Lucretia A. Costa of Provincetown. Married in Newmarket, N. H.
29. James W. Cook and June H. Tuchenhausen, both of Provincetown.

September

5. Howard A. Peck of Boston, and Esther Peck of Bethlehem, Pa. Married in Provincetown.
9. Earle H. Chaddock of Sacramento, Calif. and Florence L. Fowler of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.
12. Alden P. Eker of Rosindale, Mass., and Helene F. Edel of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.
12. Warren E. Costa and Elizabeth A. Volton, both of Provincetown.
24. Victor E. Alexander of Provincetown, and Jane Baker of Wellfleet. Married in Provincetown.

October

3. William P. Fields, and Marie M. Wein, both of Provincetown. Married in Wellfleet.
4. Albert J. Avellar Jr., and Barbara D. Jones, both of Provincetown. Married in Wellfleet.
5. Lionel R. Medeiros, and Elva H. Williams, both of Provincetown. Married in Wellfleet.
7. George W. J. Hernandez of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Cecelia A. Silva of Provincetown. Married in Wellfleet.
16. Manuel D. Janard, and Virginia M. Gray, both of Provincetown.
17. Frank W. Roderick of Provincetown, and Patricia A. Hemenway of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Married in New London, Conn.

November

1. George C. DaRoza of Provincetown, and Wilhelmina Miller of Boston. Married in Boston.
13. Salvatore A. DelDeo of Providence, R. I. and Josephine A. Couch of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.
16. John Souza Jr. and Isabel M. Duarte, both of Provincetown.
28. David R. Foster of Provincetown, and Janet Grainger of New York. Married in Provincetown.
28. Antone DeCosta of Provincetown, and Irene Bourgeois of Barnstable. Married in Provincetown.

December

5. William R. Wiebe of Chicago, Illinois, and Margaret Jason of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.
8. Joseph Davis, Jr. of Provincetown, and Georgie A. Santos of Provincetown. Married in Boston.
28. Roy C. Blaney of Provincetown, and Anne Perisho of Harwich. Married in Harwich.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1953

January

Name	Parents
6. aLinda Frances Meads	Francis J. and Ruth J., nee Enos
11. bJoy Ann Farrell	William J. and Joyce, nee Morris
12. cAnthony Arnold Casnelli	Arnold B. and Patricia, nee Dyal
14. aRobert Raymond Zawalick	Raymond D. and Barbara J., nee Dutra
21. aEthel Mae Ventura	Arthur M. and Virginia D., nee Fields
27. aJoseph Bernard Silva, II	Kenneth J. and Barbara L., nee Mathews
28. Caroline Joan Luther	Hubert R. and Isabel F., nee Smith
30. Brenda Jo Silva	Custodio J. and Gladys, nee Tarvis

February

6. aDeborah Lee Santos	Sylvester J. and Vivian, nee Souza
7. aGlenn Jerrold Coats	Jerrold V. and Jean M., nee Bollas
13. cStacey Anne Lambrou	John A. and Mary L., nee Silva
26. cKristine Ann Risinger	Glen A. and Patricia J., nee King

March

6. aFrank Lewis Reis	Arthur C. and Mary E., nee Roderick
13. aPeter Alan Martin	Francis J. and Dorothy, nee Krebs
15. gRobert Jewel Creech, Jr.	Robert J. and Carol, nee Alves
21. eBrenda Amelia Roderick	Bernard P. and Lorraine, nee Engstrom

April

3. cAlan Hermansen	Barton S. and Fumi, nee Horibe
3. aGail Bernadette Merrill	Raphael A. and Margaret A., nee Stanton
5. aJoseph John Farroba	Joseph J. and Mary A., nee Gray
21. Daniel Joseph Medeiros	Ralph and Adeline, nee Santos
28. cDeborah Lee	Glenn A. and Eleanor M., nee Janard

May

9. cPatricia Susan Foder	John R. and Patricia R., nee Jackett
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June

10. Lena Florence Joseph	George E. and Agatha G., nee Newcomb
14. aNancy Ellen Smith	William J. and Mary E., nee Santos
16. aThomas Francis Steele	Francis J. and Katherine R., nee Hill
20. cMark Roberts	Eugene T. and Patricia, nee Boogar

July

Name	Parents
3. cDarrel Carlton Ducheneaux	Darrel P. and Louise V., nee Silva
4. Ramona Marie Pacellini	Victor E. and Gladys, nee Roza
6. David Michael Harrington	Edmund J. and Jane, nee Pacellini
10. fKaren Joyce Viera	Bernard F. and Winifred E., nee Barba
16. Timothy Mott Gibran	Kahill G. and Eleanor E., nee Mott
17. bDeborah Anne Downey	John W. and Marilyn J., nee Cote
22. cKaren Marie Swarthout	David B. and Audrey J., nee Lundberg
23. aCynthia Louise DeSilva	Herman R. and Louise, nee Malaquias
23. aRobin Edgerton Dodge	Freeman F. and Mary E., nee Van Dusen
23. hWilma Lee Small	John R. and Marion, nee Macedo
24. bJill Woods	Robert L. and Bertha, nee Tardy
27. Dana Sydney Henrique	Francis S. and Faith, nee Perry

August

9. aJoseph Almeida White, III	Joseph A. Jr. and Loretta M., nee Murphy
13. cShirley Roseanna Campbell	Lonzo D. Jr. and Edna W., nee Rollins
15. cBarbara Gail Kenady	Reid M. Jr. and Mary J., nee Iseminger
17. bStacey Adams Oppen	Richard A. and Barbara, nee Cabral
18. dDavid Nelson Spingler	Oakley A. and Zilpha B., nee Nelson
18. dJane Garland Spingler	Oakley A. and Zilpha B., nee Nelson
19. aVictoria Rose Adams	George D. and Victoria F., nee Silva
20. cJacqueline Lee Allen	John L. and Dorothy G., nee Hooper
21. cDebra Melinda Greathouse	Hawker A. and Dora E., nee Morris
23. aRichard Albert Costa	Albert J. and Mary A., nee Steele
26. aEldred Mowery, III	Eldred M. Jr. and Mary I., nee Crabtree

September

6. aMario Armand Janard	Herman and Catherine R., nee Avellar
7. Diantha Ruth Baker	Everett H. and Barbara, nee Hatch
9. Denise Marie Hunton	Clayton A. and Dorothy M., nee Perry
19. aRichard Bradley Smith	Joseph E. and Marilyn S., nee Raymond
24. bMarcia Louise Enos	Leonard E. and Lucy S., nee Bocanuso
28. aSandra Mae Adams	Richard E. and Lorraine L., nee Santos
29. aRichard Macara	Norbet N. and Juanita R., nee Michaud

October

Name	Parents
6. aKathleen Edith Joseph	Arthur F. and Kathryn R., nee King
9. a(Male) Mandell	Edgar W. and Laura, nee Elfenbein
9. a(Female) Mandell	Edgar W. and Laura, nee Elfenbein
26. aEric Allan Cook	Philip A. and Carol F., nee Lee
28. aJulia Kelly	David W. and Nancy, nee Whorf
20. cRichard Arlee Terry	Richard A. and Mary L., nee Santos

November

9. Bette Ann Gonslaves	Ferdinand P. and Anita A., nee Benoit
18. cRobert James Bridge	Barton M. and Corinne M., nee Messier
21. aLinda Marie Rocha	Frederico and Patricia, nee Joseph
22. cSusan Lynne Matthews	Richard H. and Helen W., nee McGinn
22. aSteven Roland Barker	Roland, Jr. and Beverly A., nee Robie

December

30. aRoy Arthur Brown	Charles H. and Barbara S., nee Weed
1. aMichael Joseph Andrews	Joseph and Virginia H., nee West
7. aMark Christopher Santos	Rudolph J. and Mary L., nee Lopes
19. aRichard Lewis Henrique	John R. and Martha, nee Watson
24. aLeslie Blair Harrison	Gaylon J. and Jane, nee Blair
28. Albert Manuel Perry	Albert D. and Helen, nee Rogers
a. Born in Barnstable	e. Born in Brockton
b. Born in Boston	f. Born in Quincy
c. Born in Bourne	g. Born in Newton
d. Born in Wareham	h. Born in New London, Conn.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1953

		January			Cause of Death
Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.	
12.	George McGrath	69	8	26	Dilatation of Aorta
31.	aElla Welch	83	7	27	Carcinomatosis
February					
1.	fMary Loring	65	5	4	Carcinoma intestine
3.	dAngus S. Matheson	61	5	1	Heart disease
10.	Eleanor B. Corea	79	6	28	Cerebral hemorrhage
22.	gFrank O. Cass	69	6	24	Cerebral hemorrhage
March					
6.	jEdward W. Newcomb	71	5	7	Myocardial infarction
9.	eWilliam A. Freeman	68	7	18	Cerebral hemorrhage
10.	Lillian J. Stansbury	46	4	9	Cirrhosis of liver
13.	Leroy F. O'Donnell	40	7	14	Cerebral hemorrhage
19.	Jessie Veara	78	9	17	Cerebral thrombosis
23.	Marion Bent	75	6	13	Cerebral hemorrhage
April					
2.	Josephine Patterson	69	2	2	Cerebral hemorrhage
4.	mEvelyn N. Rogers	57	0	0	Natural causes
5.	eAlan Hermanson	0	0	3	Atelectasis
5.	aPeter Perry	63	11	10	Acute cardiac
7.	aEarle S. Cushing	60	1	15	Intestinal fistula
7.	kJohn F. Linskey	54	0	0	Pulmonary tuberculosis
11.	aJames T. Patrick	60	1	16	Heart disease
14.	Arild Hansen	34	4	3	Accidental drowning
14.	Frederick S. Hammett	67	4	26	Carcinoma of prostate
15.	nLillian A. Drake	59	0	0	Coronary Thrombosis
16.	aJohn P. Merrill	66	5	3	Heart disease
16.	aEdwin N. Snow	67	4	22	Coronary occlusion
18.	Estelle Atwood	72	10	16	Coronary infraction
18.	hGeorgianna R. Silva	63	7	11	Heart disease
21.	cWarren A. Clay	56	1	3	Myocardial infraction
24.	Manuel J. Souza	83	3	19	Hypostatic pneumonia
27.	Emma O. Fratus	75	2	15	Hypostatic pneumonia
27.	bMargaret Hagen	40	4	4	Carcinoma of breast
30.	aGeorge S. Ramos	46	7	10	Coronary thrombosis
30.	George Richardson	70	8	14	Lymphatic leukemia
May					
2.	aFred W. Lambert	16	3	5	Motor accident
25.	eCaroline C. Jason	57	8	0	Uremia and pulmonary edema
June					
13.	James R. Turner	80	0	7	Chronic myocarditis
25.	Georgie Bent	68	10	24	Diabetes
26.	aJennie A. Carlson	66	9	15	Cerebral hemorrhage

		July			Cause of Death
Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.	
13.	aEmanuel A. DeWager	74	10	7	Congestive heart failure
16.	Ernest W. Saunders	75	1	30	Cerebral hemorrhage
25.	Robert A. Souza	20	10	11	Accidental drowning
30.	Caroline V. Perry	72	0	17	Coronary occlusion

August

11.	Walter G. Stiff	77	0	2	Cerebral hemorrhage
16.	Mary Souza	73	10	14	Coronary thrombosis
25.	Theresa Caton	28	0	0	Skull fracture

September

14.	Annie J. Morris	83	3	15	Cerebral hemorrhage
19.	James P. Scanlon	8	9	9	Congenital heart alisean
26.	Gertrude M. O'Donnell	67	10	16	Cerebral hemorrhage

October

2.	aManuel J. George	78	1	25	Natural causes
9.	a(Male) Mandell	0	0	0	Prematurity
9.	a(Female) Mandell	0	0	0	Prematurity
12.	aNeedham O. Rodgers	78	0	0	Myocarditis
15.	Harlow Lewis	71	5	19	Cerebral hemorrhage
15.	John P. Joseph	69	4	17	Hypostatic pneumonia
16.	bNeil H. Nelson	20	2	0	Accidental in conflagration
18.	Jennie F. Avila	71	2	21	Cerebral hemorrhage
22.	Mary C. Ferreira	69	1	18	Coronary thrombosis

November

2.	nMadge A. Webb	73	7	7	Coronary thrombosis
5.	Rosina Barnes	84	0	25	Cerebral hemorrhage
14.	Alice Stiff	71	10	1	Cerebral hemorrhage
15.	Lloyd H. Higgins	61	8	24	Coronary thrombosis
18.	Mary Souza	77	11	21	Cerebral hemorrhage
18.	pNancy Smith		5	4	Malnutrition
25.	Jennie C. Healey	82	3	26	Cerebral hemorrhage
26.	Louis Cordeiro	67	3	7	Carcinoma of stomach

December

1.	eHerbert L. Handy	62	0	7	Intestinal hemorrhage
1.	aMaria Souza	57	10	24	Acute nephritis
2.	fElla M. Crowell	92	2	20	Carcinoma breast
4.	aAntone Barnes	81	9	25	Endocarditis
8.	Frank Gaspa	84	1	0	Pneumonia
8.	Angie Bell	79	11	11	Valvular heart disease
18.	Mary L. Fish	80	10	11	Coronary thrombosis

- a. Died in Barnstable
- b. Died in Boston
- c. Died in Chelsea
- d. Died in Brookline
- e. Died in Bourne
- f. Died in Yarmouthport
- g. Died in Needham

- h. Died in Tewksbury
- j. Died in Taunton
- k. Died in New Haven, Conn.
- l. Died in St. Petersburg, Fla.
- m. Died in Lake Worth, Fla.
- n. Died in Brockton
- p. Died in Plymouth

Report of the Constable

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Gentlemen:

The following is my report to you and the people, of my activities as one of the Constables of Provincetown.

My work as Constable this year was chiefly devoted to the easing of traffic jams, keeping entrance and exit to Town Pier free at all times for the easy flow of traffic.

Helping visitors find an appropriate parking place was almost a daily ritual; I realize how difficult and confusing it is for tourists to quickly find a proper parking space, in crowded traffic conditions such as we have in the summer.

I always tried to be courteous with all visitors giving then all the information they sought.

I admonished would-be speedsters and firmly stated our speed limit on the main streets. Most of them were very courteous and stated they had not realized the speed at which they were traveling.

Another of my duties was to post Warrants for the Town Meetings, Elections, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. ROGERS,
Constable

Ambulance Fund

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE LOWER CAPE AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC., FOR 1953

Balance on hand December 31, 1952 \$922.52

Receipts

Town of Provincetown,		
Appropriation	\$1,750.00	
Town of Truro, Appropriation	700.00	
Town of Wellfleet, Appropriation	1,050.00	
Services and donations	280.00	
Interest on Replacement Fund	113.18	
Insurance—a/c accident	24.70	
	3,917.88	

Transfer from Replacement Fund—
a/c new ambulance 4,000.00

\$8,840.40

Expenditures

Gas and Oil	481.34	
Drivers	1,429.29	
Upkeep and Repairs	222.90	
New Ambulance	3,700.00	
Resuscitator	263.35	
Laundry	16.65	
Meals	82.20	
Insurance	299.43	
Social Security taxes	37.44	
Treasurer's bond	12.50	
Log book	2.25	
	6,547.35	

Transfer to Replacement Fund 1,000.00

Balance on hand December 31, 1953 1,293.05

\$8,840.40

Replacement Fund

Balance on hand December 31, 1953 \$1,500.00

On deposit in Seamen's
Savings Bank \$750.00

On deposit in Wellfleet
Savings Bank 750.00

\$1,500.00

Number of trips

Provincetown	80 — 58%
Truro	29 — 21%
Wellfleet	30 — 21%

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Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY C. SNOW,
Treasurer

Report Of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners submit for your approval the following report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Expenses

Silva's Trucking	\$280.00	Appropriation	
Labor	440.00	for 1953	\$800.00
B. H. Dyer & Co.	40.92		
Higgins Lumber Co.	7.50		
Ocean View			
Garage, Inc.	20.13		
Cape Cod Garage, Inc.	7.40		
Duarte Motors Inc.	3.91		
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	\$799.86		
Bal. to Revenue	.14		
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	\$800.00		\$800.00

Cemetery Commissioners' Salaries

Expended	\$100.00	Appropriated	\$100.00
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Improvement of Town Cemeteries

In 1950		Appropriation	
Expenses	\$1,670.11		\$3,000.00
In 1951, Expenses	800.86		
In 1952, Expenses	222.18		
In 1953			
Robert J. Creech	302.00		
Labor and Pipe			2,995.15
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	\$2,995.15	Bal.	\$4.85

This account is now closed.

RAYMOND H. MARSTON
JOSEPH CRAWLEY
WILLIAM PIERCE

Report of the Board of Zoning Appeals

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Provincetown, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Provincetown Board of Zoning Appeals submits its annual report for the year 1953.

Three cases of appeal for a variance were made to the Board. In two cases the variances were granted; in one case a variance was denied.

The records of the three cases have been filed with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PAIGE, Chairman
GEORGE F. MILLER, JR., Secretary
CATHERINE B. CADOSE
RALPH S. CARPENTER
CHARLES BOWEN

Report of Moth Superintendent

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report of the Moth Project for the year 1953.

Labor	\$738.75	Appropriation	\$750.00
B. H. Dyer & Co.	11.05		
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	\$749.80		
Bal.	.20		
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	\$750.00		\$750.00

Report of Elm Trees

Silva's Trucking	\$200.00	Appropriation	\$250.00
Labor and Inspection	50.00		
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	\$250.00		\$250.00

RAYMOND H. MARSTON

Report of the Playground Committee

With the quick approval of the playground articles by the voters at the annual town meeting and early appointment of the Playground Committee by the Moderator, plans were immediately drawn up to dismantle the wooden and inadequate fence at Howland Street and to replace it with a permanent steel structure. However, estimates were so high with the advanced costs of steel that the Committee decided to install part of the fence at that time and to complete the work the next year—i.e. in 1954. Consequently two long sections of fence were installed by the Security Fence Company and the wooden fence was dismantled along these two sides a few hours previously so that the playground was without a fence for less than 24 hours. The cost of this work was \$723.69 which included some minor repairs on the Nickerson Street playground and the installation of a new gate there on the West Vine Street end, made at the same time.

The Committee was especially grateful to the members of the Morris Light Post who, with the approval of the Selectmen, gave their permission for the fence to run to their building; a drive-in gate was installed so that the Legion post could reach the cesspool there, and a key was given the Commander. Thus, the children using the playground were assured of additional play space whereas previously a number of neighborhood cars, ashcans and what-not had been parked constantly at the area preventing full use of the land by the youngsters. The kindness of the Legion members was greatly appreciated and the children forwarded a petition thanking them a few days later.

A wooden canopy was erected at each playground in the early spring to replace the then useless and torn canvas roofing originally fastened to them, work being done by Joseph and Robert Collinson. These builders also made necessary repairs on both areas, and built a fine hopscotch at Nickerson Street. Other spring work was done by the crew of James Silva which consisted of replacing some dirty sand at Howland Street and trucking away several loads of it to use as fill along the Nickerson Street fence, high equipment painting and inspection.

tion of the equipment installations and some grading at Nickerson Street which made the outside much more attractive and prevented further washing away of our fill, there.

The Whitehead Brothers Sand Company donated as always a number of loads of clean sand at this time loaded ready to go, and this was a saving of considerable importance to the budget of the Committee. The fact that the Howland Street Playground was built on an old coal-bin does present a problem in keeping the sand there clean and especially because winter rains and high tides bring up black dust from below when water collects at the low side there near "Patrician Lake" as the large puddle is called, which so often fills on that part of Bradford Street.

The Committee was gratified to note very little important damage had been done during the winter to either playground in spite of the many hours children had played there with little or no supervision; this fact has been noted before and if small damage is kept repaired as it occurs, there is no reason why our playgrounds should not last for many, many years with present equipment. Certainly there should be a frequent check-up by the Committee and workmen, since this prevents further damage occurring from a loose nut or bolt, and keeps the youngsters impressed with the fact that any vandalism will be discovered while it can still be traced.

Arrangements were made as the first good weather appeared to have part time after school supervision on each playground. As soon as school let out in early June, full time supervision was started. This was maintained until school re-opened in the fall, and supervision was kept on well into the twilight hours since these are busy times on the play areas.

A few hours of supervision weekly was maintained on both playgrounds until close to Thanksgiving, after which the two regular supervisors were put on caretaker status. Their duties then were to keep the areas patrolled and to report damage or vandalism. Cost of the full year of Supervision and caretaking was approximately \$1,600.00 with another \$25.00 being paid to Manuel White as a token of appreciation for the great interest he has taken in watching the Nickerson Street play-

ground when older boys are there, especially late evenings and nights. His advise and help when problems of discipline have arisen has aided the supervisors and Chairman very greatly. We hope he will continue to take this interest in the playground.

Several parents were notified during the year when some home discipline was also needed and in every instance, cooperation was forthcoming. Since one thoughtless or badly behaved child can completely disrupt a playground, it is gratifying to note that a high level of good behaviour was usually to be found on the playgrounds. Supervision must be maintained, however, and it was very difficult to do so this year when long Indian Summer weather kept both play areas busy well into the winter season. A very sharp pencil was used in figuring salary payments and the Chairman carried thus a considerable burden. Since the Playground Committee is a volunteer group and since the Chairman must give many hours to visiting the playgrounds, directing workmen, purchasing supplies and materials, bookkeeping and even supervising and training the personnel, it adds an unfair burden to have too small an appropriation for supervisors' salaries. Consequently, the Committee is asking the voters for \$1,800.00 this year whereas last year \$1,600.00 was requested and received.

Supervisors during the past year were Miss Lorentine Souza and Miss Jeanne Travis at the west end, and Miss Avis Perry, Miss Mary Jane Steuffenegger, and Miss Martha Malicoat at the east end. Miss Souza and Miss Perry were the winter caretakers.

The Committee received many applications, especially from west end mothers who wanted the positions available at the Nickerson Street playground, but since most of these mothers would need to take their small children with them, the Committee felt that they would be too heavily burdened especially as a steady "diet." Since both playgrounds lack cool shade in spite of the canopies, the supervisors were not obliged to remain when summer sun was too unbearable and of course the children remained absent at these times too. We did find that evening supervision is very essential seven nights a week since older children spend hours after supper there and even some teen agers who work day-times find the playgrounds the ideal place to spend their early evening hours. We are happy to see them do so,

as long as they respect the rights of the younger children. The Committee encourages small fry to go home after supper as a matter of policy and safety.

The Committee thus far has tried to employ local people and it feels that this policy is probably satisfactory to most of the voters. It would be very expensive to "import" summer supervisors and our budget does not permit this policy. We do believe that the faithful, practical supervision offered has been adequate, but we are always happy to have advice and suggestions from the townspeople, parents and voters.

In late August, an automobile accident involving two cars near the gate at Nickerson Street damaged portions of the fence which had to be welded and temporarily repaired. There is a damage claim for \$100.00 against two insurance companies which has not yet been settled, although such settlement is pending. We were fortunate that no child was using the gate at that instant and we have locked that busy, close-to-traffic gate for the present and plan to move it further away from the intersection.

Speeding traffic past both playgrounds is a serious year-round problem. We have had four signs made to be placed on each approach to the playgrounds warning motorists that a playground is ahead and we hope these will slow down the tourists and strangers. What to do about our own townspeople who daily endanger our children is still unsolved and something needs to be done to encourage them to put on their brakes as they pass the playground intersections. That there has not been a tragedy is something of a miracle and we know parents would be grateful indeed for more cooperation on the part of local trucks and cars.

The playgrounds are highly popular with the summer visitors and residents and they are a potential source of much good-will for our town. The voters who have been generous in the past will not fail in their support of these areas in the future we feel certain. It is seldom during daylight hours that some child or children can not be found playing safely in them.

The Committee hopes to add basketball to the west end playground if the voters will purchase land adjacent to the fence on the Tremont Street end. This land developed with the two basketball backstops now in

storage would make a fine play area for the youth of that neighborhood. Consequently an article is being presented to the voters to acquire this land and funds for creating the basketball area are in our budget in case we get the consent of the townspeople to proceed.

It has been a privilege to serve the town on the Playground Committee this past year and we hope that parents and townspeople have found our work and program up to the standards which they wish and that their continued support will be given to help make Provincetown's playgrounds the best in the state.

Signed

MILDRED W. GREENSFELDER, Chairman
MRS. NELLIE C. BENT
WARREN A. ALEXANDER, JR.
Playground Committee

Report of the Swimming Committee

Following appointment by the Moderator of the first Swimming Committee, an early spring meeting was held at which it was decided to publish as a news item the fact that a qualified Swimming instructor was needed for part of the summer. As a result of this publicity, one application was received—that of Miss Martha Malicoat, a local girl attending Oberlin College.

With the encouragement of the Committee and the fine cooperation of the Cape Cod Chapter of the American Red Cross, Miss Malicoat undertook several intense courses in preparation for becoming a well qualified instructor. These courses included some available at her college and others at the Red Cross Aquatic School in East Hansen, Mass. Miss Malicoat reported to the Committee in late June with all requirements fulfilled to the approval of the American Red Cross for teaching advanced swimming and life-saving and all intermediate instruction.

Meanwhile Miss Malicoat had been appointed a part time supervisor on the Howland Street Playground which meant that she could see her way clear to teach swimming each morning all summer for the available sum of \$250.00 authorized by the voters. The Swimming Committee felt that this was a most advantageous arrangement for the town, and drew up plans at a meeting with Miss Malicoat to set up her work as follows:

To divide the town into three teaching areas and to spend two weeks in each giving instruction to various groups from 9 A. M. until noon, and to spend the final two weeks of the season in whichever area seemed most desirable.

Miss Malicoat began the first week in July at the beach adjacent to the Town parking lot at the west end, and a fine large group reported to register for the various courses. The first week she was assisted by John Tulis of the Red Cross Safety Services as promised by the Red Cross which had always furnished a free week of swimming instructions to the town. Mr. Tulis gave invaluable aid and advice to both Miss Malicoat and the Committee in getting the courses efficiently under way.

The second section of the project was held near Sklar-off's wharf but this beach was not altogether satisfactory for a number of reasons.

The third group of classes was held at the foot of Howland Street, which proved to be a very convenient and clean beach. During the final two weeks of classes Miss Malicoat returned to the west end, and to various places where life saving classes could find high tides, etc., as the case might be.

In reporting on her work and experiences at the end of the summer, Miss Malicoat felt that the interest shown by both local and summer children was very great and that the instruction had demonstrated its value as an annual town project. She told the committee that many children had started the courses and had learned some elements of water safety even though, in some cases they were unable to get certificates because of the weather or their short visits in town. And invariably parents, both local and summer, were grateful to the town for the free instruction.

The Committee and Miss Malicoat agreed that there should be more publicity given the courses another year since so many people do not read daily papers in time to enter the first day of a new class. More posters with time of teaching various classes should be displayed all around the town.

The Committee wishes to commend Miss Malicoat for her excellent work during the past summer, and to thank the local papers and the Standard Times for splendid support given the project. Editorial space in the Advocate was especially helpful.

Incidentally, Miss Malicoat has applied for the position next summer and would like to carry out certain improvements in the efficiency of the courses which resulted from her observations and experiences in the first year of our town sponsored swimming courses.

The committee would like to carry the plans for the courses into the public schools before school adjourns for the summer in an effort to interest a larger group of older boys and girls many of whom mistakenly feel that that they already know enough about swimming and therefore do not bother to join the scheduled classes. They thus miss learning well accepted techniques which

would improve their present swimming and life-saving abilities. It is hoped that the voters will grant without hesitation the sum of \$250.00 for the summer of 1954, and that the succeeding committee will profit by the pioneer work of the 1953 committee.

The following figures were furnished by Miss Malicoat at the end of her summer's work:

Of 55 beginners who took tests at the end of each course, 31 passed and received Red Cross certificates.

Of 45 Intermediates, 22 passed, and received certificates.

Of 16 Swimmers, 14 passed, and received certificates.

Of 10 Senior Life Savers, 10 passed, and received certificates.

Of 4 Junior Life Savers, 4 passed and received certificates.

Altogether 130 completed the courses which they started whether they passed or not, and many others received several periods of instruction. A long siege of poor weather and cold mornings handicapped the classes for the little tots, and it is thought that another summer some classes should be held closer to noon in order to have warmer water for small fry.

Report respectfully submitted by the Swimming Committee from which Mrs. Edith Thomas resigned somewhat earlier.

MRS. MILDRED W. GREENSFELDER
FRANCIS SANTOS

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with General Laws Chapter 98 (Sections 34-35) I submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Weighing and Measuring Devices	
Total number adjusted	15
Total number sealed	191
Total number not sealed	12

Commodities	
Total Weighing and Measuring sold or put up for sale	
Total number tested	172
Total number correct	167

Summary of Inspections Made	
Peddlers Licenses	18
Ice Scales	2
Marking of Bread	32
Food Packages	79
Vegetables	57
Peddlers Scales	10
Other Inspections	37
Sealer's Fees and Adjusting charges turned into	
Town Treasurer	\$100.55
Transient Vendors Licenses	700.00
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	\$800.55

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. SILVA,
Sealer

Report of Town Pier Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

The Town Pier Commission hereby submits its annual report for the year 1953.

Approximately 6000 feet of planking were laid on the East side of the main wharf.

The old water line was replaced with completely new pipe and fittings the entire length of the wharf.

Respectfully submitted,

MANUEL DUTRA, Chairman
MANUEL SILVA
FRANCIS SANTOS
CHARLES DeRIGGS
HAROLD WILSON, Secretary

Report of the Police Department

Board of Selectmen
Sirs:

I hereby submit my annual report as Chief of Police for the year 1953.

	Male	Female	Total
Adultery	1	1	2
Assault and Battery	6		6
Bastardy	2		2
Disorderly Conduct	16	1	17
Disturbing Peace	3		3
Desertion, Armed Forces	3		3
Breaking, Entering, night	5		5
Drunkness	153	9	162
Contempt	2		2
Larceny	2		2
Lewdness	7	1	8
Insane	1		1
Leaving scene of accident	5		5
Malicious destruction of property	3	1	4
Non-support	2		2
Operating under influence of liquor	27	5	32
Operating to endanger	9	1	10
Operating without license	12	1	13
Operating uninsured	6		6
Operating unregistered	6		6
Operating loan agency unlicensed	1		1
Operating pawn shop unlicensed	1		1
Polygamy	1		1
Receiving stolen property	1		1
Speeding	43	2	45
Unnatural acts	2		2
Violation liquor laws	4	1	5
Vagrancy	3	1	4
Worthless Checks	1	1	2
	326	25	351

Complaints received	621
Complaints investigated	621
Accidents investigated	57
Automobiles transferred	132
Street lights reported	46
Disturbances abated	39
Closed property checks	822

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM N. ROGERS,
Chief of Police

Report of Public Library

The trustees of the Provincetown Public Library respectfully submit their report for 1953.

Mrs. Eleanor Rowland and Mrs. Eleanor Meads run the library very efficiently and make it an extremely pleasant spot in our community life.

With the appropriation given us by the voters last year, we were able to make major repairs on the roof. The 1954 appropriation, we hope, will allow funds to paint the exterior of the building.

New bookshelves have been added to make room for the books donated by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Father Leo Duart also presented the library with a beautifully illustrated Catholic Bible.

We have all enjoyed our work as trustees this past year and if reappointed will continue to serve you in this pleasant task.

JOHN AGNA, Chairman
GEORGE CHAPMAN, JR., Treasurer
VIRGINIA ANDREWS
CATHERINE CADOSE
EDWARD DAHILL
ADELAIDE KENNEY
ELLEN ROSA
EDWINA TARVERS
NATALIE PATRICK, Secretary

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The fleeting year of 1953 may be cast aside by many—but those of us whose associations have been made more pleasurable by our daily contacts with our patrons and visitors—choose to linger awhile with those pleasant thoughts.

Our Book Circulation climbed well into the high 17,000 bracket—exceeding that of past years—even in view of the fact that our summer circulation was not as high as usual. There seemed to be no consistency to the type of books borrowed—today—fiction scored high—

tomorrow—non-fiction was the leader—then too the juvenile books would often prove to be the preferred literature of the day.

We enjoyed the company of 2673 visitors in our Reading Room—as in previous years there were our “regular” readers and many who were well rewarded for the time which was spent browsing through the many volumes which were at their disposal.

Our 165 New Borrowers especially the younger group are familiar sights as they dash in and out of the library especially after school or during vacations to “buy” a book or two—as is the very favorite expression with many. We were visited by at least a couple of the classes along with their instructors from grades below Junior High—several of the children “joined” and most borrowed a book or two before they departed. I spent a most pleasant afternoon during Book Week when I was invited to speak briefly to one of the Fifth grades—believe me I received a “royal welcome” and most assuredly enjoyed every minute spent with the children and their beloved instructor.

Our Visiting Borrowers numbered 180—some old—some new. So it seems each year as the summer season approaches and we make ready the register for non-resident borrowers. We’re almost certain some familiar faces will again return to be immediately placed in our minds—then again with wonderment in our thoughts we will endeavor to place those who are to be new to us for the coming season.

Our New Book addition totalled 564—of these several essential non-fiction books aside from those selected each month have appeared on the shelves. We were able to replace several badly worn copies of fiction which are so often in demand. Our juvenile section has not been neglected in the least—another 10 volumes have appeared in the famed “Landmark Series” and too a set of “Life in America” series have taken their places along with many other books in this department. Our monthly fiction list follows along with nearly all of the very newest books which are available and worthwhile. I’m sure our patrons will be interested to learn that we have a brand new set of Encyclopedia Americana—a 1953 edition—which was received this past summer—Reference material—naturally—but it has been constantly consulted since its arrival.

Book Reports! Oh those awful words! How often during the past year those few words resounded within the library walls—and too all of the sighs and groans which accompany such assignments. These so called “unfortunate burdens” befell our High School students. We mixed a bit of pleasure with our work when trying to locate “certain books by certain authors” and I believe it would have proven a real satisfaction to our townsfolk had they seen the students at work—some grouped about the tables—others sitting “Indian fashion” on the floor near the stacks—each busy with his own assignment. The occasional quoting of a passage often broke the silence and really seemed to release the tension for all for a brief interval—then—back to work!!

The front door is opened—footsteps—we listen and wait—today those familiar faces greet us—alas tomorrow wretched disaster and illness have snatched them away—Memories—they will always remain!!—now—we must look toward this new year which is ahead—the new Town Manager form of government—the new officials who will serve—the new highways—all of which we must consider—each and every one—and exert every effort to be ready to assist whenever we may be called upon.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR B. ROWLAND,

Librarian

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Appropriated 1953	Expended 1953
Librarian's Salary	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Assistant Librarian's Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00
Janitress Salary	600.00	600.00
Heating	350.00	266.67
Supplies	150.00	113.40
Lighting	150.00	139.38
Telephone	90.00	88.43
Books	800.00	800.00
Periodicals	175.00	175.60

Water	21.40	21.40
Librarian's Traveling Expense	25.00	00.00
Public Liability Insurance	88.94	88.94
Substitutes and Leaves	150.00	110.00
Ordinary Repairs	900.00	932.30
Unclassified	50.00	61.59
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	\$6,550.34	\$6,397.71
Balance to revenue		152.63
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		\$6,550.34

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. CHAPMAN, JR.,
Treasurer

Report of the Fire Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

We hereby submit the following report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

FIRE REPORT

February 25, 1953

Silent Alarm at 7:00 p. m. for brush fire at New Beach. Pumper No. 5 responded, no damage to woodland.

February 25, 1953

Silent Alarm at 7:30 p. m. for a cat in a tree on Winthrop Street. Deputy Chief Noones and Pumper No. 4 responded.

March 6, 1953

Alarm sounded at 5:15 p. m. for fire at 164 Commercial Street, property owned by Pheobe Freeman. Grass afire near dwelling, no damage to property.

March 24, 1953

Silent Alarm at 10:00 a. m. for fire at dwelling owned by John Morris, North Truro. Chief Matta and Deputy Chief Noones and Pumpsers No. 4 and 5 responded. Fire under control by Truro Department when we arrived.

April 13, 1953

Silent Alarm at 3:00 p. m. for fire at 5 Carnes Avenue. Dwelling owned by Peter Perry. Oil stove flare up, no damage.

April 29, 1953

Alarm sounded at 3:30 p. m. for grass fire on Alden Street, no damage to property.

May 9, 1953

Silent Alarm at 10:30 a. m. for fire at dwelling owned by Mrs. Burt Paige. Caused by flooded oil burner, no damage to property.

May 23, 1953

Silent Alarm at 6:45 a. m. from Raymond Calabra, 210 County Club Drive, Warwick, R. I., for resuscitator. Child overcome by gas at Harbor Lights Cottages, Beach Point. Resuscitator not used. Chiefs Pierce and White responded.

May 26, 1953

Alarm sounded at 7:30 a. m. for fire on rubbish truck on Bangs Street. Caused by short circuit, damage estimated \$319.90.

June 13, 1953

Alarm sounded at 2:30 p. m. for grass fire back of William Paige dwelling on Pleasant Street. 400 gallons water used.

June 18, 1953

Silent Alarm at 4:30 p. m. for fire at Harlow Lewis', 269 Bradford Street. Short circuit in light fixture, no damage.

June 24, 1953

Alarm sounded at 5:30 p. m. for grass fire at 8 Standish Street. No damage.

June 27, 1953

Silent alarm at 5:30 p. m. for fire in cab of Steele's oil truck at Winthrop Street. Damage estimates at \$35.00. Pumper 3 responded.

June 30, 1953

Alarm sounded at 1:00 p. m. for grass fire at 157 Commercial Street. No damage.

July 1, 1953

Alarm sounded at 4:00 p. m. for fire at 26A Standish Street, building owned by Marion Perry. Caused by oil heater flare up, smoke damage estimated at \$25.00.

July 3, 1953

Alarm sounded at 2:00 for fire at Town Pier, caused by cigarette, damage estimated at \$50.00.

July 4, 1953

Alarm sounded at 8:40 p. m. for fire at Ocean Breeze, 68 Bradford Street. Fire in chair, caused by cigarette, damage estimated at \$75.00.

July 5, 1953

Alarm sounded at 12:00 noon for fire on boat Savara III at Town Pier. Boat owned by R. H. Caunera. Caused by gas explosion, damage estimated \$3,000.00.

July 7, 1953

Silent Alarm at 6:30 p. m. for fire at town dump. 500 gallons water used.

July 8, 1953

Silent Alarm at 9:30 p. m. for fire on Province Land, set by campers. No damage.

July 18, 1953

Silent Alarm at 12:30 p. m. for car leaking gas on Lothrop's Hill.

July 21, 1953

Alarm sounded at 8:45 p. m. for fire at Isabel Whalen's dwelling at 243 Bradford Street. Fire in davenport. All apparatus responded.

July 21, 1953

Silent Alarm for aid to Caroline Perry, 284 Bradford Street. Mrs. Perry had been taken ill suddenly and needed assistance.

July 24, 1953

Alarm sounded at 1:45 p. m. for fire in car at New Beach.

July 30, 1953

Silent Alarm at 2:00 p. m. for aid. A man was seen floating in the water near the west end breakwater. The man was identified as John Otis Bailey, Jr., staying at 72B Commercial Street.

August 1, 1953

Alarm sounded at 12:15 p. m. for fire at 602 Commercial Street. Estate of Joseph Sears. Damage estimated at \$50.00.

August 1, 1953

Silent Alarm at 2:15 p. m. for fire at town pier. Pumper No. 3 responded.

August 1, 1953

Alarm sounded at 2:18 p. m. for fire at Town Crier Restaurant, caused by broiler. No damage.

August 6, 1953

Silent Alarm at 10:00 p. m. for dump fire. Pumper No. 4 and Deputy Chief Noones responded.

August 7, 1953

Alarm sounded at 1:45 p. m. for brush fire at Alden Street, no damage to property.

August 13, 1953

Silent Alarm for fire at town dump, no damage to woodland, time 11:45 p. m.

August 16, 1953

Silent Alarm at 2:45 p. m. for gas explosion at 7 Carver Street, dwelling owned by John Snow.

August 18, 1953

Alarm sounded at 6:55 p. m. for fire at town pier, caused by cigarette.

August 20, 1953

Silent Alarm at 12:30 p. m. for Fire at Charlie's Grille. Deputy Chief Pierce responded, one extinguisher used.

August 24, 1953

Alarm sounded at 4:00 p. m. for brush fire at the Railroad crossing at Whitehead's sand pit. No damage to woodland. 400 gallons water used.

August 30, 1953

Alarm sounded at 2:00 p. m. for fire at town pier, no damage.

September 1, 1953

Silent Alarm at 6:00 p. m. for bonfire in woods, set by campers, no damage.

September 2, 1953

Alarm sounded for fire at 6:30 p. m. for fire in dwelling owned by Ulysses Simmons, 12 Montello Street, caused by lightning. Damage estimated at \$150.00, insurance on house \$2,500.00.

September 14, 1953

Silent Alarm for fire at Town Pier at 1:45 p. m., no damage to pier.

September 20, 1953

Silent Alarm at 6:00 p. m. for fire in car at Airport. Car owned by Charles DeRiggs, Jr.

September 21, 1953

Silent Alarm at 1 a. m. for fire on pole at Conway Street. Pumper 5 responded.

September 26, 1953

Sprinkler alarm system at Vocational School went off. Investigated by Deputy Chief Noones. Air pressure was low causing alarm to go off.

September 26, 1953

Alarm sounded at 10:45 a. m. for fire at Nelson's henery, brush fire, no damage.

September 28, 1953

Alarm sounded at 3:10 p. m. for fire at Lobster Pot, caused by broiler fat, no damage.

October 14, 1953

Alarm sounded at 5:30 p. m. for brush fire near the standpipe, no damage.

October 22, 1953

Alarm sounded at 8:15 p. m. for fire on pole at Mayflower Heights, caused by short circuit, all apparatus responded.

October 25, 1953

Alarm sounded at 3:15 p. m. for fire at Jolly Jack's Restaurant, caused by short circuit in Neon sign. Damage estimated to property at \$50.00.

October 29, 1953

Alarm sounded at 2:35 p. m. for fire at dwelling owned by Joseph Veara, 26 Standish Street. Caused by oil burner flare up, no damage.

November 3, 1953

Alarm sounded at 11:55 a. m. for fire at dwelling owned by Robert White, 5 Soper Street. Caused by chimney being plugged up, smoke damage estimated at \$35.00.

November 3, 1953

5:30 p. m. Silent Alarm for brush fire back of Breakwater Motel, no damage to woodland.

November 11, 1953

Silent Alarm at 4:15 p. m. for fire at town dump. Pumper 5 responded.

November 13, 1953

False Alarm at 6:45 p. m. for fire at Evans Field.

December 1, 1953

Alarm sounded at 9:15 p. m. for fire at Brownell's Pharmacy, caused by flooded oil heater, no damage.

December 19, 1953

Alarm sounded at 4:00 p. m. for fire at Mrs. Charles Cook's, corner of Allerton and Commercial Streets. Caused by sparks from fireplace, burning some shingles on roof.

Morris, and John Craves. Due to the fact that the Red Cross Ambulance was out of town, it was necessary to use the Days' truck for transportation purposes, in the above cases.

September 8, 1953, 3:45 P. M.

Member James Meads while driving east on Bradford Street observed a Mrs. Charles Landry in distress. He stopped and picked her up and carried her into the truck. Taking along Miss Doris Enos, who happened by at the time, he took the woman to Dr. Hiebert's office. The doctor said the woman was an epileptic, and after he dismissed her at 4:15, James Meads and John Craves took her home.

JOSEPH A. DUTRA,
Captain Rescue Squad
MANUEL A. WHITE,
Acting Fire Chief

Report Of The Street Lighting Committee

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown:

In accordance with the action taken by the voters of this town at their annual town meeting in 1953 this committee was reappointed for the fourth consecutive year to supervise the installation of twenty-five new 2500 lumen street lights. These new lights have been installed by the Cape and Vineyard Power Company and have been in operation since May of 1953.

We intend to ask for the installation of twenty more 2500 lumen lights at this town meeting. If these lights are installed it is the opinion of this committee that the major relighting project started four years ago will be completed. All our main streets have been brought up to standard by our modern fixtures along with most of our formerly dark isolated areas. There are still some of the old 600 lumen lights in operation in some sections of the town that should be replaced. It is the attitude of this committee that they can be replaced by petition to the Town Manager.

The citizens of Provincetown are to be commended for their full support of this lighting program. It has been a major project that has been accomplished over a four year period.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM N. ROGERS, Chairman
EMILY L. HIEBERT, Member
GEORGE F. MILLER, JR., Member

Report of Board of Health

REPORT OF HEALTH AGENTS

We hereby submit the following report as Agents for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Licenses Issued				
Milk Licenses	59	@	\$.50	\$29.50
Sanitary Licenses	2	@	20.00	40.00
Sanitary License	1	@	10.00	10.00
Cabin Licenses	21	@	.50	10.50
Ice Cream Mix	2	@	5.00	10.00
Oleo Licenses	12	@	.50	6.00
Total				\$106.00

Permits Not Requiring Fees

Burial	36
Swine	1
Funeral Directing	4

Communicable Diseases

Paratititis	14
Measles	2
Mumps	4
Dog Bite	6
Syphilis	2

The number of Communicable Diseases remain about the same low average as last year.

The constant taking of bacteria tests of utensils used by the various restaurants, continue to bring their counts lower, with the owners striving to keep their counts as low as possible.

There were no abatelements of nuisance served this year, and the number of complaints regarding fish on the beach this past summer were at a new low.

We wish to thank the Board of Health and the citizens for their cooperation in the performance of our duties during the past year.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPH E. MATTA,
Agent

ERNEST ELDRIDGE,
Special Agent

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the Board of Health:—

I hereby submit the following report for the period January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

Total calls	3,000
Home visits	2,292
O.A.A.	1,641
Pay	493
T.B.	20
Free Calls	124
Office Calls	362
Home Treatments	4,759
Deliveries	13
Ambulance	6
8 Chest Clinics	136
3 Toxoid Clinics	106
Telephone calls	346

Money collected as of Dec. 1, 1953 \$238.95

Milage average 9,600 per year.

Sick leave, 10 days covered by Doris Enos, R. N.

Vacation covered by Alice Reis, R. N.

Metropolitan and John Hancock Insurance Companies have not stopped paid calls for home nursing care.

All clinic work is free to the public and it is hoped that mothers of children 3 months of age (instead of six months) will bring their children in this coming spring to the Toxoid Clinic. This clinic includes vaccination, immunization and "Booster" injections for the pre-school child. The chest clinic is free to all, and is held the third Thursday unless otherwise notified in the newspaper. A Diabetic Clinic will be started with a small group in January. This project has the approval of all the local Doctors and will be under the direction of the Public Health Administration. If the need seems great enough it will be continued on a larger scale.

It is my desire to thank the citizens of Provincetown and the local organizations for their cooperation in providing this office with certain supplies used here in town. To the best of my ability, I have used said supplies to aid

and comfort our sick. Thank you, each and everyone for your help.

This office has tried to lighten the supply expense for the Board of Health by working with the O.A.A. office and religating the expense of materials used in chronic illnesses to that Board. The money for prolonged supplies is allotted through the O.A.A. in the form of a "special need," and the cost allowed for same to the recipient in this budget.

I feel that facts and figures tell little about any position but I would like to say that this year has been an interesting and enjoyable one for me working for and with you. It has been a pleasure to have Dr. Moore, and Helen Pierce at the Toxoid Clinic, Drs. Sanborn and Gould, with their assistants at the Chest Clinic. I especially thank Miss Susick, Public Health Administrator of Cape Cod Nurses, for her help in bringing new ideas, information and moral support.

In closing, it is of interest to note that 65.5% of the total calls in 1953 were on Old Age Assistance Cases. This situation of so many patients in the over 65 age group is one of National proportion. It is due to improved health, fewer maternal and infant deaths, fewer deaths in childhood due to inoculations, fewer deaths due to Tuberculosis, pneumonia, etc., and because of better care and new drugs. The doctors, with these new drugs and treatments and equipment are responsible for extending our health by many years. This is an intriguing situation. We, as citizens are faced with the responsibility of better health and happiness for our young old people.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE T. HATHAWAY, R. N.

Report of Water Department

To the Citizens of Provincetown:

The Board of Public Works herewith submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Amount of Water Pumped in 1953—North Truro

Month	Gallons
January	6,349,000
February	5,574,000
March	5,724,000
April	6,615,000
May	9,577,000
June	15,412,000
July	17,597,000
August	16,196,000
September	15,163,000
October	11,025,000
November	7,015,000
December	5,521,000

Total Gallons Pumped in 1953 121,768,000

Largest Month—July	17,597,000
Smallest Month—December	5,521,000
Largest Week—July 5th to July 11th inc.	4,072,000
Smallest Week—Dec. 6th to Dec. 12th inc.	1,125,000
Largest Day, July 5th	588,000
Smallest Day, May 27th	126,000

Fuel Used in 1953

Coal	Tons	42
Fuel Oil on hand January 1, 1953	Gallons	7,062
Fuel Oil received in 1953	Gallons	18,400
Fuel Oil on hand January 1, 1954	Gallons	5,210
Fuel Oil used in 1953	Gallons	20,252
Lubrication Oil used	Gallons	270

Amount of Water Pumped in 1953 Auxiliary Station—State Road—Town

Month	Gallons
May	1,296,000
June	10,152,000
July	12,628,000

August	11,664,000
September	5,184,000
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	40,924,000

Pumping Station—North Truro

	Expended 1953
Chief Engineer and Assistants	\$11,220.00
Electricity, Lamps, Wiring	322.82
Wells, Hauling, Driving, Points, Material and Labor	882.67
Telephone, Freight, Express and Postage	237.46
Building, Material, Labor	21.69
Oil, Waste, Grease, Gas, Kerosene	402.92
Machinery, Parts, Fittings and Labor	795.88
Real Estate Tax, Town of Truro	206.09
Road to Pumping Station, Materials and Labor	56.50
Diesel Oil and Transportation	2,230.02
Coal and Transportation	503.28
Boiler Insurance	198.84
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	\$17,078.17

General Expense

Clerk and Collector	\$1,200.00
Telephone	150.72
Note—Additional Water Supply	1,000.00
Interest—Additional Water Supply	96.25
Note—New Diesel	4,000.00
Interest—New Diesel	90.00
Note—New 8 inch Water Line, West End	2,000.00
Interest—New 8 inch Water Line, West End	500.00
Note—Water Loan Chapter 439, Acts of 1952	
Interest—Water Loan Chapter 439, Acts of 1952	4,687.50
Insurance on Buildings	337.77
Office Supplies	26.55
Water Bills, Notices and Envelopes	228.53
Additional Clerical—Commitments	200.00
Legal Services	30.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Easements	
Engineering Services	
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	\$14,547.32

New Supply Station, State Road, Town

	Expended 1953
Telephone, Express and Postage	\$92.28
Materials and Machinery	364.11
Supplies, Packing and H.T.H. Sanitation	35.66
Electricity	1,163.95
Marble for filter, sand for filter	15.00
Labor	82.25
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	\$1,753.25

Service

Foreman and Assistants	\$8,454.23
Garage Repairs, Electricity	12.00
Telephone, Freight, Express and Postage	186.63
Truck, Gas, Oil, Grease, Repairs, Insurance	626.06
Hydrants, Valves, Pipes and Fittings	1,946.60
Paint, Labor, Kerosene and Welding	135.81
Advertising Sprinkler Notices	----
Sprinkler Enforcement	285.71
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	\$11,647.04

1953	Expended 1953
Appropriation	\$44,988.58
Refunds	65.35
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	\$45,053.93

New Additional Water Supply

Balance Dec. 31, 1952	\$4,550.11
Expended 1953	4,550.11
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Balance	None
Water Loan Chapter 439, Acts of 1952	\$375,000.00
Expended 1953	186,842.81
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Balance Dec. 31, 1953	\$188,157.19

Respectfully,

WARREN C. SILVA,
Superintendent of Public Works

WILLIAM A. WHITE
JOSEPH E. MATTA
Board of Public Works

Report of Superintendent of Public Works

To the Board of Public Works:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Again we were fortunate in not having other than minor mechanical trouble or serious fires during the Summer when the peak demand for water is reached. These favorable factors together with the enforcement of the curtailment in the use of sprinklers and hose enabled us to meet the increased use of water.

Since we did not have the facilities to increase our supply, it was necessary to impose restrictions. The users seemed to understand the situation and a large majority were real cooperative.

However, the future outlook is brighter. Through the untiring efforts of an able and conscientious "Additional Water Supply Committee" approximately seven miles of water main have been laid and other work is in progress and it now appears that we can look forward to being able to meet our present requirements and any reasonable increased demand for a number of years.

As the new water main was being laid on Bradford Street, the service department inspected the existing water services and replaced twenty-eight which would require replacement in a short time, thus avoiding re-opening the street after permanent repairs are made this Spring.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Masonic Place. Graded and surfaced, catch basin and drainage pipe installed.

Cottage Street, North of Bradford Street. Road surfaced and two catch basins installed.

Good Templar Street. Graded and surfaced.

West Franklin Street. Surfaced.

Dump Road. Partially re-surfaced. This road will become obsolete upon the completion of the New Highway, only necessary work performed.

SIDEWALKS

Commercial Street. Built new sidewalk from existing sidewalk to Provincetown Inn, approximately 200 feet.

Bradford Street. Built new sidewalk between Pleasant Street and Conant Street.

Rebuilt existing concrete sidewalk with asphalt opposite Center School.

DRAINAGE

Commercial Street. Built man-hole at Masonic Place and installed pipe to catch basin opposite Rosenthal's. Installed pipe between catch basin opposite James Matenos' and catch basin opposite Post Office.

Bradford Street. Installed pipe from catch basin at Center School to manhole.

Court Street. Built catch basin and connected same to an existing catch basin.

Holway Avenue. Built catch basin and installed pipe line to land of William Prada.

There are many streets to be oiled this year which had to be postponed owing to the pressure of other work when it was a suitable time to oil streets.

RUBBISH DISPOSAL DEPARTMENT

Continuation of satisfactory service has been performed by the same capable crew on the Rubbish Truck. The caretaker of the dump uses care and good judgment eliminating calls for the Fire Department.

I want to thank members of the Board and the personnel of the departments for their cooperation and help. Also want to mention the pleasure I have derived in working with "The Additional Water Supply Committee."

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN C. SILVA,
Superintendent of Public Works

Report of Agent of the Board of Public Welfare

BUREAU OLD AGE ASSISTANCE AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Joseph E. Matta, Chairman
Board of Public Welfare
Town of Provincetown

Dear Sir:

This is my second full annual report as Agent for the Department and covers the fiscal year from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

On December 31, 1953, the case loads were as follows:

- (1) Old Age Assistance 149 cases with a total monthly pay roll \$11,441.73.
- (2) Aid to Dependent Children 19 cases with 36 dependent children, and a monthly pay roll of \$2,735.90
- (3) Disability Assistance 4 cases with a total monthly pay roll of \$482.90

During the course of the past fiscal year we have managed to decrease the old age assistance case load by ten (10) cases. Aid to Dependent Children cases by five (5) cases. But, the Disability Assistance cases remain static at four (4) cases.

A breakdown shows that the O.A.A. cases decreased for the following reasons. Death of recipients 21. Closed as ineligible 10. Closed as employed 2. Transferred to another town 1.

Opened during year 11 cases. Denied two (2) applications.

The breakdown of A.D.C. cases reveals that five (5) remarried. Eight (8) cases were closed because children were ineligible. Two (2) were closed for failure of the parent to cooperate.

Opened during the year 6 cases. Denied one (1) application.

On the D.A. program there was no change and the case load remained static with four (4) cases.

Total Resources Deductible

In all three public assistance programs resources in cash or kind are deducted from the amount of assistance, which would be otherwise allowed the recipient, and thus creating a savings to the taxpayers.

The total income to the recipients from O.A.S.I. (Social Security) was \$21,287.90. Free Shelter whereby recipients have life interest in a home and are not liable for rent or taxes, or a relative is providing a free room, other sources V. A. pensions, annuities, dividends, free heat and lights and contributions from legally liable children. The total of this latter group is \$9,486.87. Or a combined total yearly resource from all sources in the amount of \$31,366.77.

Resources deducted from A.D.C. cases is O.A.S.I. (Social Security) \$2,627.60 and \$3,287.53 from court orders non-support cases where the parent contributes. A total yearly resource of \$5,915.13.

Resources in D. A. cases are minimum but we do have two (2) cases receiving \$240.00 per year free shelter. However, two of the four (4) cases will receive an O.A.S.I. grant when they reach 65 years of age which will be during the year 1954. (Both cases will be eligible for transfer to old age assistance also.)

1953 Budget Requests and Expenditures

Old Age Assistance

Appropriated February 1953 (Town and State Shares)	\$88,251.00
Cash on hand 1/1/53	\$3,389.00
Federal cash received 1953	\$56,515.61
Expended 1953	\$137,294.29
Recoveries under lien law 1953	\$4,092.40
In legal process for collection	\$1,459.70
Balance to Revenue Town Appropriation (General Fund)	\$9,983.04
Requested Appropriation 1954 \$72,000.00 (Town and State Share)	

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriated February 1953	\$19,420.00
Cash on hand 1/1/53	\$648.00

Federal cash received 1953	\$10,228.65
Expended 1953	\$25,125.00
Balance to Revenue Town Appropriation (General Fund)	\$4,965.89
Requested Appropriation 1954 (Town and State Share)	\$17,880.00

Disability Assistance

Appropriated February 1953	\$6,070.00
Cash on hand 1/1/53	\$410.00
Federal cash received 1953	\$1,794.00
Expended 1953	\$5,608.60
Balance to Revenue Town Appropriation (General Fund)	\$2,653.25
Requested Appropriation 1954 (Town and State Share)	\$6,530.00

Medical Costs and Services

Note: (The following amounts are already included in the total expenditures listed in the previous Budget Requests and Expenditures.)

Providing full medical care and treatment of public assistance cases is a State wide problem. The State Department of Public Welfare has revised all previous medical plans and issued a new Medical Care Plan, dated January 1, 1954. Control of medical costs can only be regulated by the full cooperation of the recipient, physicians and careful adherence to the Medical Plan by the local authorities.

Old Age Assistance

Local physicians fees	\$11,603.00
Other physicians	1,136.85
No. of visits 3,176	
Medicines dispensed	1,650.62
Pharmacies	1,836.03
Hospitals	7,556.58
Optometrist	434.40
Dentist	189.00
Funerals	350.00
Total	\$24,756.48

Aid to Dependent Children

Local physicians fees	\$691.00
Other physicians	23.00
No. visits 184	

Medicines dispensed	117.75
Pharmacies	93.50
Hospitals	687.38
Optometrist	179.00
Dentist	279.50

Total	\$2,152.13
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Disability Assistance

Local physicians fees	\$808.00
No. visits 186	
Pharmacies	102.00
Hospitals	2,058.50
Total	\$2,968.50

Liens

In accordance with Chapter 801, Acts of 1951, all applicants/recipients of O.A.A. having any interest in real estate must accept a lien filed against their interest in said real estate. This law was effective on 1/1/52.

The Board of Public Welfare of the Town of Provincetown has through its duly designated authority, the Agent, recorded 86 liens at the Barnstable Registry of Deeds. Recoveries have been made on 7 liens since 1/1/52 in the total amount of \$5,823.40.

There is no lien against real estate owned by Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

However, in Disability Assistance cases the recipient must sign an Agreement to Execute a Lien against their interest in real estate.

Public Relations

As in the recent past this office is continuing its efforts for a better understanding of the public assistance program, its benefits, costs, problems and general misunderstanding. We have been invited to re-appear before local civic organizations for more question and answer forums and the invitations will be accepted and fulfilled. Our previous request for local organizations to invite us to participate in forums is still open.

In keeping with our efforts along this line we issued two press releases in 1953. On June 30, 1953, we released a full page of statistical facts dealing with the

case loads based on a six month period ending June 30, 1953. On August 1, 1953 the second press release was issued and was based on the subject of Resources utilized to determine the budgetary needs of each case and revealing the total annual income of public Assistance recipients.

The New Bedford District Office, Herma C. Rowe, Director, has been most cooperative and helpful. Her staff is always available to us for guidance, supervision and consultation. Particularly in the field of public relations for which she has offered her personal services to appear at a forum here in Provincetown. Mr. Felicio Franco, Jr., Field Representative, for this area has also been most considerate and helpful and he too, with the Director's approval, has volunteered to come to Provincetown to appear before local organizations.

Recommendations and Conclusions

As Agent it is my duty to the general public to again recommend that the staff in this office be brought up to the standards provided for in the Public Assistance Manual. This office is and has been understaffed by one Social Worker and one Clerk-typist for the past few years. Fortunately for the Town the personnel has been able to carry the overload and prevent Federal and State Disallowances which could have cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars. This situation cannot continue and by July of 1954 if we are not fully staffed I seriously doubt that we can prevent being disallowed Federal and State reimbursements. In view of the new Medical Plan effective not later than July 1, 1954, and the new schedule of One (1) Revisit to each A.D.C. per month, not later than February 1, 1954, the request for another Social Worker and one Clerk-typist is urgent.

The present staff here consists of One Administrative Agent, permanent Civil Service Status, at a yearly salary of \$2,880.00. One Social Worker, permanent Civil Service Status, at a yearly salary of \$2,340.00. One Clerk-Typist, permanent Civil Service Status, at a yearly salary of \$2,100.00. We receive 50% Federal reimbursements on all administrative expenditures. The State reimburses 25% of administration on the Disability Assistance program only. Federal Administrative cash grants in 1953 for administration was \$6,333.02. State Administrative reimbursement for D.A. was \$79.86.

In conclusion we wish to thank the public officials, town officers, court officials, private organizations, school staff, visiting nurse, charitable groups, churches and general public, for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING S. ROGERS,
Agent

Report of the Provincetown Airport Commission

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Provincetown Airport Commission respectfully submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

During the year there has been no change in the mode of operations of the Provincetown Municipal Airport, and no contemplated change is recommended. Maintenance expense has been very small, only \$50.00 for having the grass cut adjacent to the runway. Income for 1953 was approximately 90% above that of 1952, and it is anticipated that 1954 income will show a further increase.

No appropriated funds are requested for 1954.

The Report of the Airport Manager is submitted herewith, as part of this report.

Respectfully,

CHARLES DeRIGGS, Chairman
ANTHONY J. PERRY, Member
WM. W. McKELLAR, Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AIRPORT MANAGER

To the Provincetown Airport Commission:

This is the sixth Annual Report of the Airport Manager to the Provincetown Airport Commission. During 1953 the activity at the Provincetown Municipal Airport stabilized to a point which it is felt can be anticipated the annual average, as was forecast in the 1952 Report.

Passenger traffic between Provincetown and Boston during 1953 consisted of 4,302 passengers, a figure 742 less than the 1952 total. In addition 907 passengers were flown between Provincetown and Bedford, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston. The factors affecting the Provincetown-Boston drop are varied; however this decrease is not a cause for concern by your airport mana-

ger. It is anticipated that the annual volume will hold steady in the vicinity of 5,000 passengers with normal economy.

Two factors are at present under consideration which may well see an increase in future activity. Attention is being given in several departments of the Federal Government in Washington toward making air mail service between Provincetown and Boston a reality. Of prime aid to the Provincetown Community in this goal has been Senator John F. Kennedy. If the objective is finally realized, Cape Tip residents will owe a great deal to the Senator for the aid he has given.

A second consideration for improved development of airport activity during 1954 is the proposed packaged one to seven day tours to Provincetown to be developed in cooperation with American and Eastern Air Lines who have indicated a willingness to cooperate. The major cost in the development of these tours must be borne by Cape Tip business interests, and the Provincetown-Boston Airline, Inc., plans to request individual aid for this project. As in the past there will be normal interline passenger traffic agreements with American, Northeast, Eastern, and Trans World Airlines making air information and reservations to Provincetown available throughout the country.

Traffic during winter, spring, and fall months of 1953 was bolstered considerably by regular flights operated between Provincetown and Bedford or Boston in the interest of projects being conducted at North Truro by the United States Air Force. The continued use of Airport Services by these personnel is somewhat indefinite; however should air mail become a reality, the outlook for year-round scheduled air service to Provincetown is most encouraging.

As of the close of business December 31, 1953, all business assets of your manager, John C. Van Arsdale, doing business as Cape Cod Flying Service and/or Provincetown-Boston Airline were sold to a newly formed corporation, Provincetown-Boston Airline, Inc. Operating agreements for the airport will be assumed by the corporation and it is felt that this change will be in the interests of the Town of Provincetown.

Again Airport Personnel take pride in the fact that it is not necessary to request annual funds to meet air-

port operating expenses. This is made possible by the existing operating agreement between the Provincetown Airport Commission and the Provincetown-Boston Airline, Inc. This agreement continues to keep Provincetown Municipal Airport in a financial position unparalleled in neighboring municipal airport operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. VAN ARSDALE,
Airport Manager

Report of the Building Inspector

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as Building Inspector for 1953. I have received in the past year twenty-four applications for building permits, and have issued same, at a total building cost of \$41,800.00.

I still feel that the zoning laws should be revised to suit conditions in our town.

Respectfully yours,

FRANK S. BENT,
Inspector

Report of the Civil Defense Committee

To the Citizens of the Town of Provincetown:

Another year has gone by with very little progress made in Civil Defense activities. It appears to be getting more and more difficult to arouse any enthusiasm among our citizens in taking part in the routine training that is so essential if the organization is to be of any value to the community.

In spite of the fact that the President and Federal authorities have stated over and over again that Civil Defense is to be a permanent peace time organization, the general public looks on it as a war time measure, and with hostilities in Korea having ceased, temporarily anyhow, they see no need for giving time and effort to Civil Defense work.

As a matter of fact the Civil Defense personnel in and about the Worcester area took a very active part during and after the unusual tornado which struck that area last summer. The officials of those cities and towns stated publicly shortly thereafter, that without the aid of Civil Defense many more lives would have been lost and much more suffering would have been caused the ones who did survive.

Provincetown has been very fortunate up to the present time in having no actual need for its Civil Defense workers, but there is no telling when the need may occur. It is my hope that our citizens will take a greater interest in Civil Defense during the coming year so that we may build up a strong unit which can be called on should occasion require.

As there are still funds on hand from the 1952 appropriation which should be nearly sufficient to take us through the coming year, unless something unforeseen occurs, no appropriation is being asked for 1954, knowing that if some unforeseen need or some emergency should arise adequate funds would be made available promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE F. HALLETT,
Director

Report of Inspector of Wires

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby respectfully submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Inspections were made on 721 electrical installations.

Installations found dangerous and condemned—6.

Appropriation	\$250.00
Expenses:	
Salary, Inspector	\$100.00
Salary, Deputy	75.00
Expenses	75.00

Very respectfully,

CONVERSE L. MONTGOMERY,
Inspector

HERMAN H. RIVARD,
Inspector

Report of Treasurer of Cemetery Trust Fund

Vote of the Town, February 15, 1894

"That the Treasurer be authorized to receive the money donated to the Town for the care of Cemetery Lots, not less than twenty-five Dollars."

1879 to Dec. 31, 1953	Deposits	Accrued Interest	Care of Lots	Condition Dec. 31, 1953
	\$84,238.81			\$99,424.36
Bequests in 1953:				
W. C. Brooks	600.00			600.00
Pauline Hastings	200.00			200.00
Bessie M. Small	600.00			600.00
MacIntyre and Butler	200.00			200.00
Eliot Farley	300.00			300.00
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	\$86,138.81	\$15,649.30	\$2,263.75	\$101,324.36

The Fund consists of:

Bonds at Par	\$34,000.00
Deposits Seamen's Savings Bank	49,517.69
Deposits First National Bank	2,621.12
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	\$86,138.81

The income from the investment of the fund the past year was \$2,883.49. The several accounts were credited with dividends at the rate of three per cent requiring \$2,523.58.

The unused balances of the several accounts now amount to \$13,385.55 which is on deposit in the Seamen's Savings Bank. The interest now amounts to \$6,867.51.

Deposited in the Seamen's Savings Bank interest account \$20,253.06.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. CHAPMAN,
Treasurer

Report of Town Auditor

To the citizens of the Town of Provincetown:

January 1, 1953, Balance in Treasury \$ 207,260.56
Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1953 1,190,317.38

Total \$1,397,577.94

Expenditures, January 1 to
December 31, 1953 870,099.04

December 31, 1953, Balance in
Town Treasury \$ 527,478.90

Cemetery Trust Fund

Balance, January 1, 1953 \$104,007.90

Receipts:

Interest on Seamen's Savings Bank account 12454	1,348.54
Interest on Seamen's Savings Bank account 9911	596.18
Interest on First National Bank account 998	26.27
Bequeaths	1,900.00
Cash from bonds sold	3,000.00
Interest on Bonds	912.50
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Total to be accounted for	\$111,791.39

Expenditures:

Bonds sold	3,000.00
Operating expenses	2,263.75
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Total expenditures \$5,263.75

Balance 12-31-53 \$106,527.64

Analysis of Fund:

Bonds at par.	
U. S. Treasury	\$10,000.00
U. S. Government, Series G	23,000.00
California Highway Bond	1,000.00
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Total \$34,000.00

Deposits

Seamen's Savings Bank, account No. 12454	49,517.69
Seamen's Savings Bank, account No. 9911	20,253.06
First National Bank of Provincetown, account 998	2,621.12
In hands of Town Treasurer	135.77
Total	\$106,527.64

Benjamin Small Library Fund

Balance 1-1-53	\$5,566.93
Interest accrued 1-1 to 12-31-53	163.88
Balance 12-31-53	\$5,730.81

Analysis:

Deposit, Seamen's Savings Bank, Account 16505	5,000.00
Deposit, Seamen's Savings Bank, Account 12432	435.17
Hands of Treasurer	295.64
	\$5,730.81

Post War Reconstruction Fund

Balance 1-1-53	\$69,959.95
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Receipts:

Interest on Seamen's Savings Bank account 21039	126.89
Interest on bonds	1,125.00
	\$71,211.84

Disbursements:

Transferred to Town Treasurer	\$70,836.84
Balance 12-31-53, in hands of Town Treasurer	\$ 375.00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. McKELLAR,
Town Auditor

Report of the Town By-laws Committee

To the Citizens of The Town of Provincetown:

Pursuant to the vote of the Town at the Annual Town Meeting in February, 1953, the Moderator appointed Mr. William H. Gordon, Mr. Francis H. Marshall and Attorney John C. Snow members of the committee authorized to rewrite and to present to the 1954 Annual Town Meeting an article embodying the proposed set of by-laws as rewritten to be voted on at the 1954 Annual Town Meeting.

The members of the committee, at an organization meeting, elected Mr. Snow, Chairman, and Mr. Marshall, Clerk.

The committee has made an earnest effort to study the old By-Laws, which were adopted by vote of the Town on February 12, 1934, as well as model by-laws adopted by other towns. Suggestions from interested citizens have been weighed, and an attempt has been made to propose a code of by-laws which will clarify and protect the rights of citizens in Town Meeting, as well as to define certain ethics, duties and obligations of Town Officers. Local police regulations have also been reconsidered and codified.

The task of the committee has been complicated by the adoption of the Selectmen-Town Manager form of Government, with which the Town has had no previous experience. An attempt has been made to make the proposed by-laws equally applicable to the old and new forms of government and to conform with the new charter. It is hoped that there will be interested citizens who will, from time to time, propose new by-laws to supplement the beginning we have made. No action has been taken with respect to the Zoning By-Law because the committee feels that any action in that regard should originate with the Provincetown Planning Board, to which the duty has been assigned by State Law.

Your committee has caused the following article to be inserted in the warrant for the 1954 Annual Town

Meeting and recommends adoption of the following by-laws:

ARTICLE. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Town By-Laws Committee and adopt the following By-Laws, or any of them, as the "General By-Laws of the Town of Provincetown", which shall be in lieu of and act as the repeal of all by-laws heretofore in force; or take any action relative thereto:

ARTICLE I

General Provisions

Section 1. The following provisions shall constitute the General By-Laws of the Town of Provincetown and shall supersede all by-laws heretofore in force.

Section 2. No by-law previously repealed or superseded by these by-laws shall be revived by the repeal of any of these by-laws.

Section 3. Words, phrases and/or terms specifying, designating or naming any officer, agent, board or committee, employee or appointee of the Town shall be construed as including the lawful successor, or the person or persons having the powers and performing the duties of such officer, agent, board or committee, employee or appointee.

Section 4. When, in a by-law, any act is prohibited from being done without the license or permission of a certain officer, board or committee, such officer, board or committee shall have the right to license or permit such act to be done.

Section 5. Any or all of these by-laws may be repealed or amended by a two-thirds vote, or other by-laws may be adopted by a majority vote of those present and voting at any town meeting, an article or articles for that purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting by the selectmen.

Section 6. Whoever violates any of the provisions of these by-laws whereby any act or thing is enjoined or prohibited, shall, unless other provision is expressly made, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE II

Town Meetings

Section 1. The annual town meeting shall be held on the second Monday of February of each year, and shall be called to order at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Section 2. At eleven o'clock in the forenoon, all business of the annual town meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be suspended to be considered at an adjournment of such meeting to be held at 8 o'clock in the evening of that date.

Section 3. The polls shall be opened at eleven o'clock in the morning and shall remain open until seven o'clock in the evening.

Section 4. Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant therefor in ten or more public places in the town to be designated in the warrant not less than seven days before the date of such meeting and by publication in a newspaper published in the town not less than seven days before the date fixed for such meeting.

Section 5. At least seven days before the date fixed in the warrant for the annual town meeting, the Selectmen shall cause to be distributed and left at each occupied dwelling house and apartment in the Town a copy of the report of the Finance Committee and a copy of the Annual Town Report.

Section 6. As soon as practicable after the adjournment of any town meeting, on a vote to adjourn to another day, the Town Clerk shall cause a brief statement of the day and hour to which the adjournment was voted and of the business remaining to come before the meeting, to be posted at the same places designated for the posting of the warrant, and, if the period of adjournment will permit, shall cause a similar notice to be published in a newspaper of general local circulation.

Section 7. The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any town meeting shall be forty-five; provided, however, that a number less than a quorum may from time to time adjourn the same. This section shall not apply to such parts of meetings as are devoted exclusively to the election of town officers.

Section 8. The selectmen shall make available to the voters at all town meetings copies of the warrant and of the report of the finance committee.

Section 9. The moderator shall appoint tellers, who shall permit only registered voters in the Town to enter upon the floor of the Town Hall at the annual or any town meeting; the balcony shall be opened to the general public if it appears to the moderator that there is sufficient seating space available to registered voters on the floor, otherwise the balcony shall be open only to registered voters; the stage may be occupied under the direction of the moderator. Provided, however, that no person may vote from the balcony but must come upon the floor to vote, if the balcony is opened to the general public.

Section 10. Articles of the warrant shall be acted upon in the order in which they appear unless otherwise determined by vote of the meeting; provided, however, that no article involving the appropriation, expenditure or obligation of a sum of money in excess of One Hundred Dollars shall be acted upon in any morning session of any town meeting.

Section 11. All motions having to do with the expenditure of money shall be presented in writing; other motions shall be in writing if so directed by the moderator.

Section 12. If a motion is susceptible of division, it shall be divided or broken down into separate parts or sections and the question shall be put separately upon each part thereof, if ten voters so request.

Section 13. When a question is before the meeting, the following motions, namely: To adjourn; to lay on the table; for the previous question; to postpone to a time certain; to commit, recommit or refer; to amend; to postpone indefinitely; shall be received and shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and the first three shall be decided without debate.

Section 14. On proposed amendments involving sums of money, the larger or largest amount shall be put to the question first, and an affirmative vote thereon shall be a negative vote on any smaller amount.

Section 15. Any person who is employed as an agent or attorney by another interested in any matter under discussion at a town meeting shall disclose the fact of

his employment before speaking thereon, and no such person shall speak without first disclosing the fact of such employment.

Section 16. When a question is put, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by the voices of the voters and the moderator shall declare the vote as it appears to him; provided, however, that no voice vote shall be taken when the balcony is opened to the general public. If the moderator is unable to decide the vote by the sound of the voices, or if his decision is immediately questioned by seven or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, the moderator shall request all persons in the house to be seated, and may appoint tellers. The question shall then be distinctly stated, and those voting in the affirmative and negative, respectively, shall rise and stand in their places until they are counted by the moderator or tellers, if any. No person shall be counted who does not comply with the request to occupy a seat, if seats in the hall are available, but if there are no seats available, those standing shall be counted separately by a show of hands.

Section 17. If the moderator is unable to decide a vote by the sound of voices, he may determine the vote by ordering a show of hands and he may appoint tellers to make and return the count.

Section 18. The meeting may order that the vote on any motion shall be taken by a "YES" and "NO" secret ballot, and the Town Clerk shall provide sufficient forms for that purpose.

Section 19. No person shall speak more than once on any question to the exclusion of any other person who may desire to speak thereon, nor more than twice without first obtaining leave of the meeting, except, in either case, in response to questions asked through the moderator or for the brief correction of an error in or misunderstanding of his previous statement.

Section 20. No person shall speak for more than ten minutes on any question unless his time shall be extended by vote of the meeting.

Section 21. No vote of the meeting shall be reconsidered unless notice of intention to ask for reconsideration shall have been given in writing to the moderator within one hour after the vote to which such notice relates has been passed. When a motion for reconsideration

tion is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be reconsidered more than once; nor shall any vote be reconsidered on a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or for the previous question.

Section 22. All committees shall report as directed by the Town, but if no report is made within one year after its appointment, a committee shall be discharged unless the Town shall have granted an extension of time.

Section 23. No motion which would cause the dissolution of the meeting shall be in order until every article in the warrant therefor has been duly considered and acted upon, but this shall not prevent the postponement of consideration of any article to an adjournment of the meeting at a stated time and place.

Section 24. No committee report shall be in order unless made under an article in the warrant which clearly indicates the purpose and/or subject of the report.

ARTICLE III

Town Officers

Section 1. The Selectmen shall have the general direction and management of the property and affairs of the Town in all matters not otherwise provided for by law or by these by-laws.

Section 2. No member of the Board of Selectmen shall be appointed to any position, office, committee or board of the Town for which the Board of Selectmen or Town Manager has authority to make the appointment regardless of whether or not such position, office, committee or board is entitled to compensation.

Section 3. The Board of Selectmen shall act as the licensing board of the Town; provided, however, that no person who is an officer, agent, employee of, or has any interest, directly or indirectly, of a pecuniary nature in a tavern, inn, hotel, restaurant, club, and/or any other establishment or activity subject to regulation under the Liquor Control Act, Chapter 138 of the General Laws, as amended, shall be eligible to serve on or attend meetings of said local licensing board.

Section 4. The Board of Selectmen shall meet in the Selectmen's Offices in the Town Hall on Monday of each week at 7:30 P. M. and at such other times as shall be

determined by a majority of the members of the Board, except that when Monday shall be a holiday, then they shall meet on the following night at the same time and place. All such meetings of the Board of Selectmen shall be open to any interested members of the public and of the press, and any official action taken at any meeting of said Board from which a registered voter of the Town, after having made demand to be present, has been excluded, shall be null and void and of no effect.

Section 5. Each member of the Board of Selectmen shall receive a written notice from the Clerk of the Board of every special meeting of said Board at least twenty-four hours in advance of the time of the proposed meeting, but a member not receiving said notice may sign a waiver of notice to be kept with the official records of said Board.

Section 6. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to be chosen by majority vote of the board from among its members, shall be the official representative of the people of the Town of Provincetown at all official functions, or, in his stead, such other member of the Board as may be designated by majority vote of the Board.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk, immediately after every Town Meeting to notify in writing all members of committees who may be elected or appointed at such meeting, stating the business upon which they are to act and the names of the persons composing the committees, and also to notify all officers, boards, and committees of all votes passed at such meeting in any way affecting them.

Section 8. The seal of the Town of Provincetown shall be circular in form and shall bear upon its face a scroll with the words thereon "Compact — Nov. 11, 1620" and "Birthplace of American Liberty"; around the Scroll the words "Town of Provincetown, Incorporated 1727"; and beneath the scroll the words "Precinct of Cape Cod, 1774".

Section 9. There shall be a finance committee consisting of nine legal voters of the Town, who shall be appointed by the moderator as hereinafter provided. No elective or appointive town officer or town employee shall be eligible to serve on said committee.

Section 10. The moderator of the town meeting

when this by-law is adopted shall, within thirty days after such by-law becomes effective, appoint three members of said committee for terms of one year, three members for terms of two years, and three members for terms of three years. The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon qualification and shall expire at the final adjournment of the annual town meeting at which their successors are appointed. Said committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without compensation, and it shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

Section 11. The said committee shall fill any vacancy which may occur in its membership, by vote of the majority, an attested copy of which shall be sent by the secretary thereof to the Town Clerk. If any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of said committee, except on account of illness, his position shall be deemed to be vacant, and shall be filled as herein provided. The term of office of any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding annual town meeting, and the moderator thereof shall appoint his successor to complete the unexpired term of the member in whose office such vacancy originally occurred.

Section 12. All articles in any warrant for a town meeting shall be referred by the Selectmen to the Finance Committee immediately after drawing such warrant, and hearings shall be held by said committee at which persons interested in such articles may be heard, and after due consideration of the subject matter of such articles, the Finance Committee shall report on those articles which it feels may affect the financial status of the Town, directly or indirectly, to the town meeting in writing with such recommendations as it advises for the best interests of the town and its citizens.

Section 13. The Finance Committee shall annually consider the expenditures in previous years and the estimated requirements for the ensuing year of the several boards, officers and committees of the Town, as prepared by them in such form and detail as may be prescribed by said committee. The said committee shall add to such statement of expenditures and estimates another column, stating the amounts which it recommends should be appropriated for the ensuing year, and it shall further add thereto such explanations and suggestions relating

to the proposed appropriations as it may deem expedient, and report thereon as provided above.

Section 14. In the discharge of its duty, the Finance Committee shall have free access to all books, records, accounts, bills and vouchers on which money has been or may be paid from the town treasury. Officers, Boards and committees of the Town shall, upon request, furnish said committee with facts, figures, and any other information pertaining to their several activities.

Section 15. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to make an annual report of its doings, with recommendations relative to financial matters and the conduct of town business, to be contained in the Annual Town Report.

Section 16. An audit of the accounts of the Town shall be made annually under the supervision of the State Division of Accounts.

Section 17. Each officer, board or committee authorized to obligate funds of the Town shall, on or before December 1, of each year, transmit to the Town Manager or Selectmen all unpaid bills outstanding as of that date.

Section 18. The Town Manager shall prescribe the methods of accounting and the forms to be used by the several officers, boards and committees of the Town pertaining to their receipts and disbursements, and shall provide that such methods and forms shall conform to the requirements prescribed by law or any rules or regulations made thereunder.

Section 19. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Town Manager shall have custody of bonds, deeds, contracts, insurance policies, and other similar documents owned by the Town, except that the bonds required to be given by him shall be in the custody of the Selectmen.

Section 20. No officer, agent or employee of the town shall, in his official capacity, make or pass upon or participate in making or passing upon, any sale, contract or agreement or the terms or amount of any payment in which the Town is interested and in which such officer or a corporation or other business organization with which he is affiliated has any personal financial interest, direct or indirect.

Section 21. No town officer and no salaried employee of the town, or any agent of any such officer or employee, shall receive any compensation or commission for work done by him for the Town, except his official salary and fees allowed by law, without the permission of the Selectmen expressed in a vote which shall appear on their records with the reasons therefor.

Section 22. No Officer, board or committee of the Town shall make any contract or lease in behalf of the Town, the execution of which shall necessarily extend beyond three years from the date thereof, except as otherwise provided by law, unless specific authority to do so has been given by vote of the Town.

Section 23. No contract for construction work, whether for repairs or original construction, or for the purchase of apparatus, equipment, supplies, materials or for non-professional services, the estimated cost of which amounts to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.) or more, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, shall be awarded unless proposals for the same have been invited by officer, board or committee authorized by the Town to make the contract, by advertisement in a newspaper published in the Town once a week for at least two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be at least one week before the time specified for the opening of said proposals. Such advertisement shall state the time and place where plans and specifications of the proposed contract subject may be had, and the time and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertisement and shall reserve to the Town the right to reject any or all of the said proposals. All proposals shall be opened in public. No contract or preliminary plans thereof and specifications therefor shall be split, segregated or divided for the purpose of evading the provisions of this section.

Section 24. All officers, agents, boards and committees of the Town shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books. Said books shall be kept in their respective places in the Town Offices, and shall not be removed therefrom. Said books shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be open to public inspection at any reasonable time, but shall remain during such inspection under supervision of the officer, agent, board or committee having custody thereof.

Section 25. The Selectmen, or the Town Manager, with the approval of the Selectmen, may direct that the Assessor's Valuation List, the By-Laws, and the Rules or Regulations adopted by any officer, board or committee be printed either separately or as a part of the Annual Town Report.

Section 26. No money shall be paid from the Treasury of the Town without a warrant or order therefor directed to the Treasurer and signed by a majority of the Selectmen. No money granted for a special purpose shall be applied to any other use, unless by a vote of the Town, and no orders shall be drawn upon the Treasurer for any purpose not authorized by a vote of the Town or by the Laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE IV

The Security and Conduct of Persons and Property

Section 1. The Chief of the Police Department shall have the complete responsibility for the maintenance of law and order within the limits of the Town, and, in the discharge of this responsibility, shall have full charge and custody of all of the equipment of the Police Department. He shall have complete command of all personnel assigned to the Police Department and shall outline and assign their police duties and working hours.

Section 2. There shall be a Sergeant of Police who will be next in command to the Chief, and shall assume the duties of Chief when the Chief is absent or incapacitated.

Section 3. No vacancy in the Police Department shall be filled, permanently or temporarily, until it has been determined by the appointing authority whether or not an eligible veteran has applied. Eligible veterans shall be given preference over all others for appointment to the Police Department; provided said veterans are residents of the Town.

Section 4. No person shall wilfully or negligently obstruct the free passage of travelers in any street or upon any public sidewalk; nor shall any person remain steadfast in any street or upon any sidewalk after being directed by a police officer to move on.

Section 5. No person shall accost or address another person in any public place with obscene, profane or indecent language.

Section 6. No person shall behave in a rude, indecent or disorderly manner, or use profane, indecent or insulting language, or shout, scream and/or utter loud outcries without reasonable cause, in any public place in the Town to the annoyance or disturbance of any person there being or passing, or loiter on any sidewalk or street or about doorways or places of business to the annoyance or disturbance of any person.

Section 7. No person shall stand or remain in any doorway, or upon any stairs, doorstep, porch or other projection from any house or building, or upon any wall or fence on or near any street or public place after having been requested by the owner or any occupant of the premises, or by any police officer to move along.

Section 8. No person shall permit any vehicle under his care or control to remain in any public highway or street in such a manner as to obstruct traffic over such public way for an unreasonable length of time, unless with written consent of the Selectmen.

Section 9. No person shall throw into the waters of Provincetown harbor or upon the beach or upon the land of another, any garbage, refuse, rubbish, filth or any other noxious or dangerous refuse liquid or solid substance.

Section 10. No person shall post, write, print, paint, carve or cut any obscene word or words, figures or designs or break, injure or deface any fence, post, sign, building or structure, or remove without authority any street light placed or deposited to donate danger or an obstruction in any street or way.

Section 11. No person shall break or dig up the ground or surface of any public way or sidewalk, or erect any staging for building, or deposit construction equipment or building materials thereon, or cause anything to be erected or built over a public way or sidewalk without first obtaining a written permit from the Board of Selectmen or their agent.

Section 12. No person shall make or maintain a fire in any public way of the Town.

Section 13. No person shall suffer, wilfully or negligently, his or her building to shed water on any sidewalk or street in the Town to the injury, damage or inconvenience of travelers thereon.

Section 14. No person shall maintain a nuisance upon his land, whereby loud noises or noxious odors escape to the annoyance of neighbors or travelers on public or private ways. Each day that such a nuisance is maintained or not abated shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 15. The Selectmen may license suitable persons to be dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of second hand articles, junk, old metals and furniture within the limits of the town, and every such person shall keep a book in which shall be entered at the time of the purchase of any such article a description of the article purchased and a description of the seller, with the date and time when the article was purchased. Every such dealer or shopkeeper shall keep such books and records open to the police of the Town, and his premises and merchandise open to inspection.

Section 16. No person shall indecently expose his or her body in such a manner that such person's exposure is visible to persons of the opposite sex or to children.

Section 17. All by-laws or parts of by-laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, except that the Zoning By-law shall remain in full force and effect and not be affected hereby.

Section 18. The invalidity of any section or provision of these By-laws shall not invalidate any other section or provision hereof.

TOWN BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

JOHN C. SNOW, Chairman
FRANCIS H. MARSHALL
WILLIAM H. GORDON

Jury List

Allen, David L.	168 Commercial St.	Merchant
Aresta, Frank J.	111 Commercial St.	Laborer
Avellar, Antone	210 Bradford St.	Agent
Avellar, Justin	439 Commercial St.	Fisherman
Benson, Clarence	9 Center St.	Merchant
Boogar, William F.	186 Bradford St.	Sculptor
Bennett, Charles	70A Commercial St.	Fisherman
Bent, Frank S.	15 Race Road	Contractor
Carreiro, Ernest	139 Commercial St.	Merchant
Costa, Matthew	Bradford St. Ext.	Carpenter
Crawley, Joseph	4 West Vine St.	Laborer
Cote, Thomas	9 Soper St.	Merchant
Days, Joseph M.	5 Brewster St.	Fisherman
DeCosta, Joseph	5 Pleasant St.	Merchant
DeSilva, Ernest	147 Commercial St.	Merchant
DaRosa, George C.	21A Conwell St.	Laborer
Dutra, Leno P.	379 Commercial St.	Taxi Operator
Days, Howard	206 Commercial St.	Merchant
Dears, John J.	78B Bradford St.	Laborer
DeRiggs, Charles J.	196 Bradford St.	Merchant
Dwyer, Arnold F.	329 Commercial St.	Merchant
Days, William	118 Commercial St.	Laborer
Enos, Frank A.	372 Commercial St.	Retired
Enos, Manuel	323 Commercial St.	Carpenter
Enos, James W.	143A Bradford St.	Merchant
Euler, Reeves E.	4 Brewster St.	Artist
Foster, John M.	562 Commercial St.	Artist
Flores, Frank	3 Court St.	Laborer
Francis, Thomas A.	345 Commercial St.	Merchant
Francis, John A.	560 Commercial St.	Merchant
Fratus, Gabriel P.	25 West Vine St.	Laborer
Freeman, Leon N.	57 Pleasant St.	Laborer
Gaspa, Edward F.	148 Commercial St.	Fisherman
Gaspie, John	Race Road	Laborer
Gordon, William H.	17 Pleasant St.	Merchant
Gray, Richard A.	3 Winslow St.	Laborer
Godinho, Domingo	355 Commercial St.	Fisherman
Ham, John R.	420 Commercial St.	Mechanic
Hensche, Henry	State Highway	Artist
Higgins, Lloyd H.	12 Johnson St.	Laborer
Henrique, Manuel	42 Pearl St.	Taxi Operator
Holmes, George	Winslow St.	Laborer
Jacobs, Charles E.	14 Brewster St.	Merchant
Jason, Joseph A.	5 Bradford St.	Foreman
Jason, Manuel P.	28 Bradford St.	Merchant
Jennings, Richard A.	376 Commercial St.	Plumber
Joseph, Matthew A.	4 Conant St.	Clerk
Kenney, Burton	8 Pleasant St.	Agent
King, John I.	47 Pleasant St.	Clerk
Lewis, Manuel J., Jr.	1 Conway St.	Clerk
Lewis, Frank J.	246 Bradford St.	Retired
Lopes, Thomas J.	18 Conwell St.	Retired
Lyle, Lawrence W.	252A Bradford St.	Contractor
Malchman, Hiram M.	273 Commercial St.	Retired
Marshall, Joseph	38 Pearl St.	Retired
Marston, Raymond H.	61 Commercial St.	Retired
Matenos, James	212 Commercial St.	Retired
McInnis, Daniel C.	24 Commercial St.	Retired

McKain, Bruce	5 Pearl St.	Artist
Medeiros, Manuel R.	3 Winthrop Place	Laborer
Merrill, Daniel C.	77 Bradford St.	Hotel Prop.
Morris, John V.	34 Pleasant St.	Clerk
Murchison, Carl F.	2 Commercial St.	Publisher
Nelson, James S.	262 Bradford St.	Merchant
Noones, Edward A.	10 Hancock St.	Mechanic
Nunes, John C.	3 Baker Ave.	Laborer
O'Donnell, LeRoy F.	14 Cottage St.	Laborer
O'Donnell, John W.	6 Atwood Ave.	Clerk
Oliver, John T.	7 Bradford St.	Painter
Oliver, Francis P.	88 Bradford St.	Merchant
Perry, James H.	48A Bradford St.	Merchant
Perry, Stephen J.	213 Bradford St.	Carpenter
Perry, Anthony	28 Conwell St.	Laborer
Perry, Joseph	61 Franklin St.	Laborer
Perry, Joseph V.	20 Pleasant St.	Carpenter
Peters, Joseph T.	290 Bradford St.	Merchant
Pierce, William C.	26 Conwell St.	Merchant
Prada, Frank R.	10 Court St.	Mechanic
Rann, Vollian B.	4 Brewster St.	Artist
Raymond, Frank	27 Bradford St.	Merchant
Raymond, Manuel V.	34B Pearl St.	Carpenter
Rego, John	421 Commercial St.	Fisherman
Reis, Frank	383 Commercial St.	Fisherman
Roderick, Stephen C.	6 Whorfs Court	Fisherman
Rogers, Jesse D.	6 Winthrop St.	Merchant
Rosa, Frank M.	70 Commercial St.	Barber
Rose, John	53 Pleasant St.	Fisherman
Rosenthal, John F.	216 Commercial St.	Merchant
Rowe, Francis J.	205 Bradford St.	Manager
Santos, Anthony R.	3 Conwell St.	Fisherman
Shaw, John I.	491 Commercial St.	Merchant
Silva, Arthur	20 Pleasant St.	Fisherman
Silva, Lawrence	10 Washington Ave.	Carpenter
Smith, Churchill T.	7 Carver St.	Clerk
Smith, Jacob	66 Franklin St.	Laborer
Snow, Ralph P.	143 Commercial St.	Laborer
Snow, Morris G.	263 Commercial St.	Carpenter
Souza, Anthony E.	40 Pleasant St.	Barber
Souza, John	8 Washington Ave.	Laborer
Stiff, Walter	1 Gosnold St.	Merchant
Summers, Hubert	54 Commercial St.	Merchant
Tarvers, Anthony P.	178 Bradford St.	Merchant
Tasha, James	26 Alden St.	Retired
Thomas, Manuel	4 Dyer St.	Clerk
Turnbull, Archibald D.	633 Commercial St.	Retired
Veara, Frank	9 Wareham St.	Laborer
Veara, Joseph	4 Bradford St.	Laborer
Viera, John	190 Bradford St.	Merchant
Volton, Frank	26 Pleasant St.	Laborer
White, Arthur A.	42 Franklin St.	Laborer
Whorf, John C.	52 Commercial St.	Artist
Wilson, Harold E.	26 Winslow St.	Merchant
Yater, George	577 Commercial St.	Artist

Women Jurors

Adams, Marjorie A.	60 Commercial St.	Clerk
Andrews, Virginia W.	28 Conant St.	Housewife
Baumgartner, Louise W.	48B Bradford St.	Housewife
Bennett, Agnes M.	8 Conwell St.	Clerk
Cadose, Catherine B.	403 Commercial St.	Merchant
Cook, Dorothy E.	7 Gosnold St.	Housewife
Cote, Anna M.	41 Bradford St.	Housewife
Crawley, Lucille	11 Atlantic Ave.	Clerk
Dennis, Ann F.	16 Brewster St.	Clerk
D'Entremont, Isabel	91 Bradford St.	Clerk
Foster, Christine N.	562 Commercial St.	Housewife
Greensfelder, Mildred F.	529 Commercial St.	Housewife
Gregory, Adelaide G.	72 Commercial St.	Housewife
Gracie, Evalina F.	27 Mechanic St.	Nurse
Hancock, Anna W.	262 Bradford St.	Merchant
Johnson, Josephine	9 Pearl St.	Clerk
Ketchum, Mina	476 Commercial St.	Merchant
Kenney, Adelaide L.	10 Johnson St.	Clerk
Loring, Marguerite	226 Bradford St.	Merchant
Matta, Charlotte S.	25 Winthrop St.	Housewife
Meads, Hortense Orrie	10 Atlantic Ave.	Housewife
Patterson, Josephine	447 Commercial St.	Merchant
Rogers, Lucretia S.	50 Bradford St.	Artist
Raymond, Sylvia A.	24 Court St.	Clerk
Richards, Helen	525 Commercial St.	Writer
Salvador, Mary J.	5 Dyer St.	Merchant
Stillings, Mabel W.	6 Law St.	Clerk
Snow, Hannah M.	7 Race Road	Housewife
Stone, Hazel	14 Johnson St.	Clerk
Tasha, Genevieve E.	8 Atlantic Ave.	Clerk
Witherstine, Elsie H.	47 Commercial St.	Nurse
Zora, Judith T.	149B Commercial St.	Housewife

Jurors Drawn 1953

Perry, Joseph	61 Franklin St.	Laborer
Days, Joseph H.	206 Commercial St.	Clerk
Stillings, Mabel	6 Law St.	Clerk
Edwards, John	Cemetery Road	Mechanic
Oliver, Franklin J.	4 Pearl St.	Mechanic
Perry, Stephen J.	213 Bradford St.	Carpenter

Grand Juror Drawn 1953

Nelson, James	262 Bradford St.	Merchant
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

of

Provincetown, Mass.

for the

Year Ending December 31, 1953

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

At a recent meeting of the School Committee is was voted:

To accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools and to present it to the town as the report of the School Committee.

FRANCIS J. ALVES, Chairman
DR. THOMAS F. PERRY
HERBERT F. MAYO

School Committee

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Francis J. Alves, Chairman

Francis J. Alves	Term expires 1954
Dr. Thomas F. Perry	Term expires 1955
Herbert F. Mayo	Term expires 1956

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles F. Ross

Office: Provincetown High School

Office open from 8:15 to 12 and 1 to 4:00 P. M., except Saturday. The Superintendent may be seen at his office by appointment. Telephone 560.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Fred L. Moore, M. D., Hyannis

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Helen Pierce, R. N.

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

George E. Rogers

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

PROVINCETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Name of Teacher	Where Educated	Began Service
George F. Leyden, Prin.	Holy Cross College, B. A.	1926
Ernest Frechette	Assumption College, B. A.	1952
Thomas C. Hennessey	Boston College, B. A., M. A.	1952
David J. Murphy	Holy Cross College, Ph. B.	1930
Kathleen J. Medeiros	Salem State Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1941
Edward J. Dahill, Jr.	University of Notre Dame, B. S., M. Ed.	1943
Geraldine Faraca	Framingham State Teachers College, B. S. in Home Economics	1951
Richard M. Santos	Fitchburg State Teachers College	1948
Mary C. Lewis	Bridgewater Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1934
Robert Manning	Arizona State Teachers College, B. A., Boston University, M. A.	1952
Irene L. Silva	Hyannis Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1947
John F. Williams	Bridgewater Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1947
Elizabeth DeRiggs	Sargent College, B. S.	1939
Arthur P. Malchman	Boston University, B. S. in Ed.	1940

PROVINCETOWN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Salvatore Causi	Brighton Vocational School	1953
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GOVERNOR BRADFORD SCHOOL

William Roche, Prin.	Suffolk University, A. B., M. Ed.	1953
Miriam Corea	Hyannis Teachers College	1913
Wilhelmina Lopez	Hyannis Teachers College	1946
Grace L. Collinson	American International College, B. A.	1937

CENTER SCHOOL

Helen M. Sylvia, Prin.	Bridgewater Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1916
Hilda M. Dennis	Hyannis Teachers College	1924
Florence G. Nickerson	Salem Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1948
Mary W. Alves	Hyannis Teachers College	1951
Mary Rogers	Hyannis Teachers College	1951

WESTERN SCHOOL

Bessie E. Corea, Prin.	Hyannis Teachers College	1918
Delphine C. DeRiggs	Perry Normal School	1945
Frances D. Francis	Fitchburg Teachers College	1928
Lucinda Anthony	Lesley Normal School	1930

MUSIC SUPERVISORS

Beatrice M. Welsh	American Inst. Normal Methods	1927
Carroll B. Thorne, Jr.	Lowell State Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1952

ART SUPERVISOR

John N. Lamb	Massachusetts School of Art, B. S. in Ed., Tufts College, M. in Ed.	1951
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HANDWRITING SUPERVISOR

Mary E. Quigley	Boston College, B. A., M. A., Boston University, Advanced Certificate	1953
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SCHOOL NURSE

Helen C. Pierce	St. Peter's Hospital, Albany	1941
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JANITORS

Frank Carlos	Provincetown Junior-Senior High School
George Rogers	New Governor Bradford School
Justine Roderick	Western School
Charles Atkins	Center School

SCHOOL SECRETARY

Inez C. Macara

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1953

Appropriation for:

Public schools	\$131,480.00
School Cafeteria	2,800.00
Vocational Education	7,225.00
1952 balance brought forward	
(State Grants etc.)	1,942.82
1953 Receipts	1,902.80

Total available funds	\$145,350.62
Total expenditures	\$143,344.49

Unexpended balances, Dec. 31, 1953 \$ 2,006.13

Reimbursements and Receipts:

Chapter 70 General School Fund	\$19,227.11
Vocational Education	3,480.20
George Barden and Smith Hughes Funds	937.49
Tuition—Truro, State and City Wards	9,795.05
Deposits to Town Treasurer	1,099.44
Total	\$ 34,539.29

Cost of Schools

Total Expenditures	\$143,344.49
Total Reimbursements	34,539.29

Net Cost of Schools by Local Taxation \$108,805.20

Summary of All School Expenses

General Expense:

Superintendent's Salary	\$2,687.50
Superintendent's Expense	384.86
Secretary	1,527.74
Office Supplies	254.15
Census	40.00
	\$4,894.25

Expense of Instruction:

Teachers Salaries	\$70,514.43
Principals Salaries	14,333.33
Supervisors Salaries	5,780.00
Substitutes	687.00

Supplies	3,200.15
Textbooks	1,489.29
Workbooks	1,713.07
Athletics	2,399.37
	\$100,116.64

Operating Expenses:

Janitor's Wages	\$7,432.30
Janitor's Supplies	617.01
Fuel	4,457.37
Electricity	1,333.20
Telephone	525.09
Water Tax	303.88
Removal of Ashes	193.00
Other Expenses	244.43
	\$15,106.28

Capital Outlay:

Permanent Improvement	\$ 26.50
New Equipment	1,959.49
	\$1,985.99

Maintenance of Plant:

Repairs	\$5,803.24
	\$5,803.24

Auxiliary Agencies:

Nurse—Salary	\$2,200.00
Nurse—Supplies	59.18
Graduation	66.82
Libraries	613.47
Driver Education	201.67
	\$3,141.14

Household Arts:

Salary	\$1,420.00
Supplies	691.23
	\$2,111.23

Cafeteria:

Salaries	\$2,598.00
Supplies and Equipment	189.39
	\$2,787.39

Evening Practical Arts:

\$ 904.26

Boys' Vocational School:

\$6,494.07

Total Expenditures	\$143,344.49
Balances Unexpended	2,006.13

Total Available Funds \$145,350.62

Special School Lunch Account

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$1,116.75
Receipts January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953:	
From Lunch room sales	\$8,110.78
Federal Reimbursements	3,008.62
Lions Club	1,209.39
All Other	4.87
	<hr/> \$12,333.66
Total Receipts for 1953	\$13,450.41
Total Disbursements for 1953	\$13,209.59
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Balance on hand December 31, 1953	\$ 240.82

Provincetown Public Schools
School Calendar for 1953-54

Open September 9, 1953		
Close December 24, 1953	16 weeks	72 days
Open January 4, 1954		
Close February 19, 1954	7 weeks	35 days
Vacation one week		
Open March 1, 1954		
Close April 15, 1954	7 weeks	34 days
Vacation one week		
Open April 26, 1954		
Close June 18, 1954	8 weeks	39 days
	<hr/> 38 weeks	<hr/> 180 days

Provincetown Elementary Schools will close June 11, 1954—175 days.

Holidays

Columbus Day, Monday, October 12th
 Teachers Convention, Friday, October 23rd
 Armistice Day, Wednesday, November 11th
 Thanksgiving Day and the day following, November 26th, 27th
 Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st

Holidays During Vacation

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th
 New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st
 Washington's Birthday, Monday, February 22nd
 Good Friday, April 16th
 Patriot's Day, Monday, April 19th

ENROLLMENT, PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PROVINCETOWN

October 1953

Grade	Governor				
	Center	Western	Bradford	Jr. High	Sr. High
I	54	29			
II	35	25			
III	31	32			
IV	24	20			
V			52		
VI			53		
VII				65	
VIII				47	
IX					37
X					36
XI					31
XII					29
	<hr/> 144	<hr/> 106	<hr/> 105	<hr/> 112	<hr/> 133

School Census, October 1953

Ages	Boys	Girls	Total	No. not in School
5-7	55	47	102	70
7-14	178	188	366	4
14-16	37	34	71	1
Over 16	0	0	0	00
	<hr/> 301	<hr/> 299	<hr/> 600	<hr/> 75

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, 1952-1953

Total Enrollment	610
Average Membership	597
Average Attendance	563
Percent of Attendance	94
Number enrolled between 5 and 7	137
Number enrolled between 7 and 16	444

Age of Admission to School

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January 1 of the year following the fall term when he wishes to enter school, may be admitted into the first grade. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CHARLES F. ROSS

I herewith submit my fifth report as Superintendent of Schools in Provincetown.

Personnel

Mr. William Roche, a graduate of Suffolk University and an elementary teacher in the Seekonk school system for the preceding three years, began duties in September as Principal of the Governor Bradford School. He succeeded Mrs. Joseph Dutra, who substituted in Grade VI following the retirement of Mrs. Ethel Collinson as Principal of that school, and Miss Miriam Corea, appointed acting principal for the interim, resumed her duties as Grade V Teacher.

Isabelle D'Entremont, School Secretary for the three towns in this superintendency union resigned to accept another position on May 1st, after fifteen years of conscientious faithful service. No replacement could be found who was willing to assume all of the duties she performed. Truro and Wellfleet engaged part time secretaries and Inez Macara became full time school secretary for Provincetown on June 15th.

Mrs. Genevieve Ferreira began duties as assistant to Mrs. Cook in the school cafeteria in September succeeding Mrs. Ann Dennis who resigned upon advice of her physician.

Mr. Salvatore Causi was elected instructor at the Boys' Vocational School to succeed Antone Bettencourt, Jr., who resigned in June to accept a position in the Dartmouth School System.

Comparative School Costs

Every year data is compiled by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Massachusetts Teachers' Association concerning costs of public education in towns and cities of the Commonwealth and, from these figures, school officials obtain invaluable assistance in the task of informing the public as to comparative school costs. It has been my experience to find that individuals in the Lower Cape Towns are interested to compare support provided by their town with that of other Cape Cod communities. The data below should be of interest:

	1953 Tax Rate	Expended for Schools from local taxation Year ending Dec. 31, 1952 per \$1000.00 valuation	% of 1953 taxes for Schools	Expended per Pupil from local taxation	1952-1953 Valuation per Pupil
Barnstable	not listed	\$10.06	not listed	\$208.47	not listed
Bourne	\$40.00	8.07	23%	161.46	\$21,310
Brewster	35.00	14.01	41%	262.55	24,980
Chatham	27.00	7.15	30%	205.39	31,000
Dennis	36.40	12.77	37%	342.85	37,830
Eastham	31.00	9.33	38%	197.05	29,150
Falmouth	not listed	11.58	not listed	190.84	not listed
Hadwich	32.00	9.18	33%	214.38	25,010
Mashpee	43.00	10.07	33%	204.81	23,350
Orleans	32.70	9.59	29%	195.41	21,490
Provincetown	39.00	11.27	26%	181.52	16,360
Sandwich	37.00	12.29	35%	198.16	18,140
Truro	33.00	10.30	38%	208.22	35,540
Wellfleet	32.00	8.68	30%	198.19	24,340
Yarmouth	38.60	9.30	26%	184.87	21,470
State Average	not listed	16.51	not listed	199.82	not listed

1953 Provincetown School Expenditures

The breakdown of expenditures of funds appropriated locally in 1953 for support and maintenance of public schools in the Town follows:

		%	Expended
Salaries	\$105,162.30		80.2
Instructional Supplies	7,219.00		5.5
Athletics	2,399.37		1.8
Fuel and Electricity	5,790.57		4.4
Building Maintenance	6,825.21		5.2
New Equipment	1,985.99		1.5
All Other	1,665.01		1.4
	\$131,047.45		100.0 %

In the financial statement found elsewhere in this report, it should be noted that although total expenditures for schools in 1953 are \$9,389.57 greater than in 1952, the net cost of schools to be raised by local taxation is only \$5,705.86 greater than it was in 1952. This condition results chiefly from increased revenue to Provincetown in tuition payments by the Town of Truro and added reimbursement from the state for our vocational education program. I estimate that further increases in these two items will bring approximately \$6,000 added revenue to Provincetown in 1954.

Permanent Improvement, Maintenance and Repair

Within the limitations of available funds, many of the projects proposed in my 1952 annual report have been accomplished. Masonry of the south wall of the high school was repointed and treated with a waterproofing solution, a new scoreboard was installed in the high school gymnasium, Household Arts rooms were redecorated and high school lavatories were repainted. An electric adding machine, electric typewriter, electric lawnmower, electric sewing machine and five typewriters were among items of new equipment purchased. A new oil burner was installed at the Western School, a new line of larger soil pipe was connected to the cesspool at the south end of the high school. The Book of Knowledge reference sets were purchased for the Western and Center Schools which previously had no material of this nature for library work. A new Americana Encyclopedia was purchased to replace a 1937 edition in the high school library. A stainless steel sink and counter and a 12 cubic foot freezer were added for school lunch and household arts use. Lack of funds prohibited desired changes in the high school heating plant, purchase of a new stage curtain and roof repairs at the high school. No work other than what was considered absolutely essential was done in the elementary buildings after it was established that they were to be replaced by a new school building. In 1954, I hope funds will be made available in sufficient amount to accomplish the desired changes in the high school heating plant, to renovate the high school roof, resurface the floor and redecorate the high school auditorium and install new stage curtains. The west wall of the high school should be repaired and treated with waterproofing compound and outside sash should receive periodic maintenance work. Locker and shower rooms at the high school should be repainted, corridor lockers put in good working order and the study hall should be equipped with tablet arm chairs. Your attention is invited to recommended maintenance work, improvements and equipment purchases proposed by the high school principal and the boys' physical education director.

New Elementary School

Assurance that all elementary pupils of the town will be housed in a new school building within the next year presents us with many problems other than those which have been or are under consideration by the School

Building Committee itself. Added to the many hours of study and discussion they have given to location of the new building, financing its construction, planning layout and equipment, the School Committee, assisted by administrative and teaching personnel, must make final decisions as to teaching programs, educational objectives, schedules, etc. involved in the use of the building. The public should be informed of changes under consideration which will bring about conditions appreciably different than they were in the past. The school authorities should welcome constructive criticism of proposed changes and should find it beneficial, particularly if received prior to having made definite decisions regarding such changes. Two important administrative changes in the elementary schools, which I recommend should be made as soon as the new building becomes available for occupancy are:

- a. A one session day.
- b. Extension of the Massachusetts School Lunch Program to the elementary grades to include the complete Type A Lunch as well as Type C Milk Program.

Miscellaneous Items of Interest

More than half of the teaching staff have enrolled in the "Workshop in Elementary Education" in charge of Miss Doris Sprague of the Bridgewater Teachers College. Richard Santos attended Bridgewater Teachers' College summer sessions held in Hyannis this past summer and Ernest Frechette was enrolled similarly at Worcester State Teachers' College.

The decision of the Provincetown School Committee to increase the minimum starting salary in the teachers' salary schedule to \$2,700.00 per year conforms to the trend throughout the nation to attempt to make the teaching profession more attractive financially to young people faced with decisions regarding choice of training and occupations.

The unanimity of opinion expressed by the members of the School Committee recently favoring provision of educational and vocational counselling services in the educational program of the town was encouraging to many of your school personnel who have been in a position to observe the need for such services. The Lower Cape Towns are the only Cape Towns presently without such services and among less than 20% of all Massa-

chusetts high schools which have no staff member specifically trained to offer such services.

Evening Practical Arts Classes under the Advisory Committee consisting of Mrs. Anthony Tarvers, Chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Hammett and Mrs. Horace Hallett enjoyed another successful year. Ceramics instruction was added to the program in 1953. An exhibit of projects completed by Lower Cape Classes was held last spring in the Provincetown Art Association Gallery in conjunction with the annual Nautilus Club display of school art projects.

The pupils in our schools and other school personnel have been assisted in various ways by individuals, groups of citizens, and organizations too numerous to enumerate completely. The School Building Committee should be commended for its efforts to bring to realization the hopes of a large segment of the community, for a new elementary school. The Lions Club once more has contributed more than \$1000.00 to the School Lunch Program to encourage pupils to include milk in their daily diet. The Morris Light Post of the American Legion awarded a \$200.00 scholarship to Margaret Rich, Class of 1953 who has since enrolled at Bridgewater State Teachers' College. The Nautilus Club and Parent Teachers Association have continued to assist the schools in many projects.

Conclusion

To all of the above, I am deeply grateful and my appreciation is also extended to all school personnel and the School Committee for their efforts in behalf of the school children of Provincetown.

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

GEORGE F. LEYDEN

I herewith submit my seventeenth annual report as Principal of Provincetown High School.

Enrollment

High School Enrollment by classes is as follows:

Class	Girls	Boys	Totals
Senior	18	16	34
Junior	24	18	42
Sophomore	23	18	41
Freshmen	17	25	42
Total Enrollment			172

Junior High Enrollment by grades is as follows:

Grade Seven	43	26	69
Grade Eight	33	19	52
Total Enrollment			121
Grand Total			293

Due to over crowded condititons at the Truro Central School, we absorbed a total of sixty Truro pupils. This was done without disturbing the program, since we had adequate facilities for handling them.

Registration By Classes

Eleementary Alegbra	21	Introductory Business	20
Applied Mathematics	24	General Mathematics	25
Automotive History		Latin I	14
and Civics	16	Latin II	15
Art	99	Manual Arts	
Biology	29	Physical Education—	
Bookkeeping	14	Boys	132
Building Citizenship	21	Physical Education—	
Physics	22	Girls	144
Driving Education	20	Plane Geometry	20
English I	23	Problems of Democracy	9
English II	42	Stenography I	16
English III	43	Stenography II (Special	
English IV	31	Class)	2
French I	22	Typewriting I	19
French II	12	Typewriting II	16
American History	78	Typewriting III	2
World History	10	Vocational Drawing	17
Life Adjustment	31	Vocational Math	17

World Geography	18	Vocational Science	17
Vocational English	17	Vocational Household	
Business Arithmetic	20	Arts	6
Solid and Trig.	7	Instrumental Music	48
General Science	37		

Recommendations For Improvement

1. We need a new curtain for our auditorium.
2. We are in dire need for storage space for our athletic equipment, musical instruments and supplies.
3. I hope that when the ground is broken for the new school that the land behind our school is leveled and the trees and bushes removed. This will give us more ample school grounds in order to have more freedom of movement at recess time.
4. The redecorating of the building has added a note of cheerfulness to the atmosphere of the school.

Course of Study

Five different courses are offered in our high school. They are as follows:

1. The General Course
2. The Commercial Course
3. The College Course
4. The Vocational Household Arts Course
5. The Automotive Course

Each of these is organized for a definite purpose. Each pupil is given ample opportunity to secure the type of education best suited to his needs, aptitudes, and capacities.

Parents should consult freely with the principal and faculty advisors in order that the curriculum and electives selected by the pupils will be in keeping with these important factors.

The above courses offer an opportunity for the pupils to master fundamental processes which are necessary equipment in everyday life.

We offer an ample number of courses designed to inculcate proper training in the common ideas necessary for tolerant living in a complex society. Such courses as Building Citizenship, Problems of American Democracy, and Life Adjustment, are included in the curriculum for the purpose of affording the pupils the opportunity of learning patriotism, love of the country, and to acquaint them with some of the essentials of the complicated political and social problems which confront us today.

Pupils Attending Schools of Higher Education

Helene Edel	Boston University
Wilfred Costa	St. Francis College
Phyllis Cabral	Boston University
Barbara Days	Salem Teachers College
Elizabeth Volton	Bridgewater Teachers College
Warren Witherstine	Syracuse University
George Miller 3rd	Boston University
Manuel Ferreira	St. Mary's Seminary
Martha Malicoat	Oberlin
Dennis Aresta	Boston College
Mylan Costa	Boston University
Richard Baumgartner	Harvard University
Paul Chapman	Norwich Academy
Robert Days	Wentworth Institute
Richard Hopwood	Northeastern University
Conrad Malicoat	Oberlin
David Murphy	Massachusetts State Teachers College
Roy Valentine	Northeastern University
Joseph Patrick	Boston University
Margaret Rich	Bridgewater Teachers College
Eleanor Silva	Boston University

Marks and Attendance

Students are marked with letters. The significance of these letters is as follows:

- A—High honor mark indicating outstanding achievement.
- B—Honor mark indicating a quality of accomplishment which is commendable and which certifies to college the individual without special examination in the subject.
- C—Satisfactory work indicating a quality of accomplishment sufficient for continuation of the subject.
- D—A passing mark but not satisfactory.
- E—Not passing; no credit allowed.

Marks are a measure of the educational growth of a student in any one subject in so far as that growth of a student can be estimated by the teacher. In making this estimate the teacher considers a number of factors including contributions to class discussion and the result of oral and written tests. Two factors which commonly cause able students to receive low marks are poor attendance and lack of home study. Any student who

wishes to succeed in High School and compete with other students must have a quiet place at home to study and make very good use of that place. Parents, interested in the progress of their children, should insist on regular attendance at school, health permitting. They should also make a special effort to provide a quiet place for study at home.

Provincetown High School is rated Class A by the State Department of Education.

Cafeteria

It is gratifying to note that there are more pupils taking advantage of the excellent meals which we serve daily in the Cafeteria. These meals are under the supervision of our Household Arts teacher, Miss Geraldine Faraca, and are prepared by two excellent cooks, Mrs. Josephine Cook and Mrs. Genevieve Ferreira.

The Cafeteria is self-supporting and the meals cost 25c. These meals consist of a main dish, bottle of milk, dessert, bread, and sandwiches.

Athletics

The athletic program, which is under the direction of our respective coaches, is an important part of our co-curricular activities. Once again our basketball team had a most successful season winning the Cape Cod High School Principals Association Tournament.

This year's football team had the distinction of winning at least two of its games. This number is more games than won recently. Besides our interscholastic sports, we have a full schedule of intramural sports.

Health and Physical Education

Full reports of the activities of our Health and Physical Education Program will be given by Dr. Fred Moore, Mrs. Helen Pierce, R. N., Mr. David Murphy and Miss Elizabeth DeRiggs.

Conclusion and Appreciation

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to citizens of Provincetown for their loyal support of our school activities. I further wish to thank Mr. Ross, the School Committee, and the Faculty for their whole-hearted cooperation.

REPORT OF BOYS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

DAVID J. MURPHY

I herewith submit my annual report as Director of Boys' Physical Education in the Junior and Senior High Schools.

Program

No substantial changes have been made in our program during the past year.

Developing of desirable health habits and attitudes, together with the mastering of certain skills is still the objective of this department.

Every effort is made to make each boy's gymnasium period a learning experience as well as recreational. Although our objectives and goals are definite we desire to offer a spot in the boy's academic program where he can relax, participate in needed wholesome activity, and expend some of the energy so common to a healthy boy.

Supervised physical activity should serve as an outlet for the boy's energy and give him renewed mental vigor for carrying on the academic part of his program.

Activities

A list of our activities offered to the students follows. In most all instances we maintain beginning, intermediate and advanced classes in all.

1. Marching drills
 - a. Basic—Junior High
 - b. Military—High School
2. Tumbling
3. Drills, setting up exercises
 - a. free hand
 - b. use of Indian Clubs
 - c. use of dumb bells
 - d. gun drill—manual of arms
4. Competitive games and relays
 1. Indoors
 - a. basketball
 - b. dodge ball
 - c. volley ball
 - d. obstacle races
 2. Outdoors
 - a. soft ball
 - b. baseball

- c. touch football
- d. track and field
- 5. Apparatus
 - a. rings
 - b. parallel and horizontal bar
 - c. vaulting box and horse
 - d. climbing ropes
- 6. Lectures
 - a. personal hygiene
 - b. personal appearance
 - c. rules and regulations of major sports
- 7. Intramural and Interclass
 - 1. basketball
 - 2. volley ball
 - 3. softball
 - 4. baseball

After an elapse of a number of years, some of the senior high boys have expressed a desire for competitive wrestling. I hope the interest will continue. Every opportunity will be made to encourage it.

Improvements

1. The storage lockers constructed in the boys' locker room have afforded us the space so badly needed for the storage of our athletic equipment.
2. An excellent electric basketball scoring board has been added to our equipment and has improved the appearance of our gymnasium.
3. The flying rings have been repaired and re-covered and are in excellent shape.

Recommendations

1. The west wall of the gym leaks during heavy rain storms. This should be repaired before damage is done to the excellent surface of our gym floor.
2. The climbing ropes have become badly frayed. They are safe and usable for this year but I recommend they be replaced for the next school year.
3. Recommend that permanent mats be installed on the walls at both ends of our basketball floor under the baskets. Protection at present is obtained by using our floor mats. When our floor mats are being used for floor work we lack the necessary protection from the cement wall and the corners of the stairway.

Conclusion

In conclusion may I say that we desire to bring about a maximum physical and mental development of each

youth. We realize that many of our activities have carry-over value for adult life. That many of the skills, attitudes and habits acquired during the youth's teenage may be directly instrumental in aiding the health and happiness of the youth in his adult life.

REPORT OF THE GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

ELIZABETH DeRIGGS

I herewith submit my annual report in physical education in the Junior and Senior High School.

The program is divided as follows:

1. March—Danish Exercises—relays and organized games
2. Tumbling—Fundamentals of basketball
3. Apparatus (rings, box, buck, ropes, parallel bars)—Basketball
4. Volleyball
5. Softball
6. Intramural Activities:
 - a. Basketball
 - b. Volleyball
 - c. Badminton
 - d. Bowling

The program has very few changes from last year for fundamentally we are striving to achieve through the activities offered the development of coordination, leadership, mental alertness, worthy use of leisure and good health habit; through team games to encourage cooperation, courtesy, fair play, self control which help to make good citizens.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

CARROLL B. THORNE, JR.

I hereby submit my annual report as Supervisor of Music in the Provincetown schools.

Instrumental music instruction in the third and fourth grades at the Center and Western Schools continues with the study of the Symphonette. There is a three-fold purpose in this course. First, it enlists an interest of both students and parents in orchestral music; second, it provides a basic foundation in the simpler problems of pitch and rhythmic notation; third, it locates about as effectively as any form of objective test which we now

have, those who should be encouraged to continue their instrumental training. The time spent in solving musical problems is readily transferred to a real orchestral instrument, and the many different problems one encounters in learning to play a legitimate instrument are here approached very simply, and may be kept well within the child's ability to master successfully.

Students at the Bradford School are studying violin, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, flute, and drums. Individual and group instruction is given.

The Junior High Orchestra meets once each week. Members of this group are given individual and group instruction during study periods. Selected members of the high school orchestra attend these rehearsals in order to assist the younger student in the techniques of orchestral playing.

The High School Orchestra meets weekly for rehearsal. This organization is busily engaged in preparing a program for its spring concert. In order for the student to feel even more keenly, the importance and necessity of active participation within the group in which he lives, it is my wish that the orchestra participate in more school functions. One appearance each year is not sufficient to attain this goal.

The High School Band made two appearances at football games held in town this season. Rehearsals are now underway for its annual appearance at the spring concert.

Sincere thanks to all for their cooperation.

REPORT OF THE VOCAL MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

BEATRICE WELSH

I herewith submit my report as Supervisor of Vocal Music.

The music program has been carried out in much the same manner as in previous years. However, since my last report seventeen (17) students from the Provincetown High School Chorus took part in the Cape Cod Music Festival held in the Barnstable High School auditorium last Spring. The Festival Chorus was made up of students from the Towns of Provincetown, Orleans, Harwich, Barnstable and Bourne. Every student taking part had to rehearse two hours the morning of the concert and again in the afternoon, then the performance in the evening. It was a long day for everyone, particularly Provincetown students, as they had to travel the greatest

distance. The Festival was a great success. Each music director had the pleasure of conducting the entire chorus in one of the songs chosen. It was my privilege to conduct the massed chorus in Irving Berlin's song, "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor." Every student in the massed chorus was required to learn six (6) songs, but I am sure every student that took part in the chorus felt it was worthwhile.

The rhythmic orchestras in the lower grades are an outstanding value in the development of rhythm. The children develop power of listening and learn to follow a leader. In the upper grades much time is being given to theory and history of music.

Most everyone is becoming a music lover for the simple reason that they listen to music every day right in their own homes.

In closing, I wish to thank you, the School Committee and teachers for their cooperation.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

KATHLEEN J. MEDEIROS

I herewith submit my annual report of the Commercial Department of the Provincetown High School.

This year we were very fortunate in placing all of our graduates from the Commercial Course. Two have secured employment in Boston and the remainder were placed locally. It is indeed gratifying to be called upon to supply some business man with a typist, stenographer, or bookkeeper since that means the achievement of our aims. It is also satisfying to learn from the employer how our graduates are progressing. A check with both the employer and the employee also determines what we can teach the student in order to better equip our present students for the business world.

Enrollment in the bookkeeping class has increased this year, and the class is rapidly assembling all the information necessary to handle the accounts of a business for a period of two months. At the present time the class is completing the bookkeeping problem supplied monthly by the Business Education World. At the completion of each month's problem the student receives a Certificate of Achievement if their work complies with the requirements of accuracy, neatness, etc.

Accuracy and speed continue to be our aim in both Stenography and Typewriting.

The typewriting room now has a Royal Electric Typewriter purchased last spring. After complete instruction on the regular machine the students are assigned to the electric machine for a period of two weeks. Students then compare the work done on both typewriters and thus are aware of the increased speed, touch, carbons, etc. Occassionally art typing is illustrated and students are given an opportunity to display some hidden artistic talent on the typewriter.

Transcription with speed is our goal in Stenography. All duplicating work is done by the advanced students in the course.

I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation received during the past year.

REPORT OF THE HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT GERALDINE FARACA

I hereby submit my annual report.

The fundamental study in homemaking at the teenage level is necessary for satisfactory preparation in home living. A good home is the most important influence toward a happy and successful life for the individual.

The seventh and eighth grade girls are given a required course in homemaking, each class meeting once a week for one double period. In this course, we try to give them the basic skills of homemaking. The seventh grade girls are given an opportunity to learn the fundamental facts of Nutrition; such as the basic seven foods and the value of vitamins and minerals in our daily diet. They also have a chance to learn and use the simple skills in cooking; such as measuring, mixing, baking, and stove cooking while working in the homemaking kitchen. In the eighth grade they advance to planning, preparing and serving; starting with a simple breakfast, continuing into a more complete breakfast and then to a simple luncheon.

The Junior High girls also receive instructions in the use of the sewing machine, basic sewing tools, stitching and use of simple patterns in Clothing Construction.

The seventh grade girls have already made aprons this year, and will have an opportunity to make simple cotton skirts later in the year. The eighth grade girls are now using patterns. They have made numerous accomplishments such as straight skirts, corduroy jumpers, cotton dresses, blouses, etc.

The Vocational Homemaking Program is an elective two year course for High School Freshmen and Sophomores. The main objective is to give the student a fundamental background in homemaking. We try to deal with family life and the individuals in the family. Homemaking also requires the ability in the traditional skills of housekeeping and the ever increasing knowledge of modern household methods and equipment. Within our homemaking program, we include good grooming, consumer buying, fabric selection and care, nutrition, and meal planning.

We also offer a home nursing program to these students in alternate years.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the generous assistance and cooperation I have received.

REPORT OF THE PROVINCETOWN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL SALVATORE A. CAUSI

I hereby submit my annual report as instructor in the Provincetown Vocational School.

The primary purpose of this Vocational Course is to build good citizenship and to train students to earn a profitable living. Vocational Education has taken great strides to advance the young in selected vocations. Here we teach the dignity of labor, and the meaning of being creative. Even though the student may not be academically inclined, he is made to feel that his usefulness to society is just as important, if not more important than any profession. This world of ours would be much less pleasant, if it were not for mechanical advancements in the various trades. The student is given a sense of responsibility which leads him on the road to manhood.

In a way, he is likened to a surgeon; he examines, diagnoses and repairs a mechanical motor, much as a surgeon examines, diagnoses and repairs the human motor.

The student is taught automobile repair, machine shop work, gas and electric welding. Every student gets a well rounded knowledge of all the mechanical trades.

The initial class enrollment was 20. This number has since been reduced to 16; several students have discovered that they were not mechanically inclined.

One week subjects related to the trade are taught at the High School Building and during the following week the productive work is taught in the former Naval Warehouse Building. In the shop, students work on automobiles which belong to them, parents, friends, and townspeople. Machine shop and welding jobs are brought in by our local boat builders or any one who has any mechanical work to be done. In class, film strips, provided by Automobile Manufacturers, help to maintain the interest of the pupil because of their great teaching value.

There is a need for greater parental interest, so that the student will have more emotional security. These boys are made to feel that they are just as good if not better than their more academically inclined brothers and that their work, knowledge, and know-how helps build a stronger America.

Everyone has been most cooperative in helping these students and for this I am most grateful.

MANUAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT

RICHARD M. SANTOS

This annual report for the Manual Training Department, for the year ending 1953, is hereby submitted.

This department continues as it has in the past to work, for the most part, in the construction of projects of wood, with an occasional venture to other medias such as leather or plastics.

The enrollment in this department coming mostly from the Junior High, a planned, lock step method of project construction has been employed so that a maximum of supervision over methods and procedure is assured and some skills can be accomplished in the handling of basic tools. As the classes become more advanced a different method is used whereby projects, in this case a coffee-table, is built by a mass production method. In this venture each boy produces one part of the complete project and then all concerned are responsible for the final assembly.

In the Senior High more projects of wood and some projects for use in the schools such as reading tables for the elementary grades.

In this department we have eight students enrolled in Mechanical Drawing. Some of these students are of college caliber from the Solid and Trigonometry which makes this class one of the finest we have had.

REPORT OF THE HANDWRITING SUPERVISOR

W. L. RINEHART, DIRECTOR

I am pleased to submit the following report on the operation of the handwriting program in your Provincetown schools for the school year of 1952-1953.

In the initial handwriting tests administered in October 1947, 31.1% of your pupils received a grade of "A" (Excellent); 13.7% received a grade of "B" (Good); and 83.1% scored less than "B". In the tests administered in June 1953, 92.5% of your pupils scored "A"; 6.7% received a grade of "B"; and .8% scored less than "B". Handwriting certificates were awarded to 90% of your graduates.

During the school year we graded approximately 4000 formal and 12,000 informal samples of handwriting for your pupils. A formal test was administered monthly and a report was furnished each teacher giving a careful diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil in her room.

We furnished the following instructional materials:—monthly teachers' outlines, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, handedness tests, individual handwriting certificates to pupils who qualified, monthly and term envelopes, seals, etc.

My supervisors join with me in expressing our appreciation for the splendid cooperation we have received at all times. We are very pleased with the results obtained in your schools.

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

JOHN N. LAMB

I herewith submit my annual report as Supervisor of Art in the Provincetown Schools.

The art educational offerings in the Provincetown schools are basically identical to those of the preceeding year. In the general curriculum art is taught in a manner calculated to develop the innate faculties of perception of each individual child in relation to the world of reality and the imaginative realm of mind. There is a systematic approach toward the realization of this goal in that each child is caused to experience the elements of line, form, color and texture in their various ramifications in accordance with his developmental stage. The child gains an awareness of and a sensitivity to these basic elements of visual representation through indivi-

dual and group participation in activities involving drawing, painting, cutting, carving, construction, modeling and printing.

These activities are expressed in the following mediums commensurate with the age level; crayon, watercolor, poster paint, gouache, India ink, clay, plaster of Paris, papier mache, woodcarving, block-printing and paper sculpture. Because of the increased general proficiency of the upper class level and by way of variety I have introduced collage, montage, mobiles, stabiles, and wire and cardboard sculpture as a challenging means of artistic expression.

Art in the lower grades this year will, to a great extent, be manifest in correlation with academic subject matter through the development of unit projects in most elementary schools. A project on consumer education is presently contemplated wherein chiefly utilitarian articles produced by industry for the average buyer will be chosen on the basis of design and functional qualities.

A continual emphasis is put on the fact that art is a mental experience fully as well as an emotional experience. Confronting the child with a blank sheet of paper with the encouragement that he interpret a certain idea, emotion or experience in an original manner requires that the child marshal all of his reflective powers of mind in satisfying the requirements of such artistic problems. Such assignments require of the child the best that he can give in the way of sustained attention, selectivity, judgment, and imaginative response; an effort equalling all of the mental stimulation of a child in the writing of an original composition or of any mathematical problem based primarily on reasoning ability.

The educative value of art today is readily acknowledged by the educator and layman who give it all of the dignity and importance of any other subject in the school. The lamentable low level of much of our present day forms of entertainment by way of television, radio, motion pictures, literature and pictorial material of all descriptions has been attributable to the crude tastes of a large faction of our population who through their patronage of such forms of entertainment have in effect, sanctioned and perpetuated them. Here to the art teacher and educators in general is a very real problem of our times; an attempt to rectify this condition can be made through a dynamic art program, that will heighten the sensitivities of future citizens to become more selective and discriminatory in the choice of all

things man made from the buying of a teakettle to the purchasing of illustrative material for their children.

In the misty past art has been regarded as an appendage or frill of education and unfortunately there still exist a few such mentalities in our education picture of today. Paradoxically, when the artifacts created by defunct civilizations are uncovered from the soil one of the most dependable criteria employed by the historian is the art quality of such objects in the determination of the general cultural level of that civilization. Art is an appendage only to the man who cannot distinguish the elephant from its tail.

There are grave problems besetting the carrying out of an adequate art program in this town; they are substantially those of inadequacies as to physical facilities and material allotments. I believe the case for art has been proven to the general public of this art-minded town through the children's reaction to it, numerous lectures and two annual art exhibitions that were very well received. It is time for a decision: Is art important enough to warrant the provision of the means whereby it can be best taught to the children of this town?

I remain grateful to all those individual teachers and laymen who have made the attainments of the art department possible.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

HELEN C. PIERCE

I hereby submit my annual report as School Nurse.

During the year there were a number of cases of mumps and chicken pox in the elementary schools.

Inspection was made weekly in the elementary schools and monthly in the Junior-Senior High Schools except when daily inspection was found necessary.

In April a Toxoid Clinic was held at Town Hall at which time seventy-eight (78) children were inoculated for diphtheria and fifty-eight (58) children were vaccinated.

In May seventy-four (74) children entering school in September were examined by Dr. Gerald N. Hoeffel with the parent of each child being present. A number of defects were found and these were corrected before the child entered school.

During May one hundred seventy-five (175) children, ages seven through thirteen, had fluorine solution ap-

plied to their teeth. This service was free of charge; the work being done by Mrs. Alice Dazen, dental hygienist.

The Audiometer test has not been completed as yet.

The Massachusetts Vision test was given to all pupils in the schools. A number of defects were found and most of these have been corrected.

All routine work has been done this year as in the past. Dr. Moore has not completed his physical examinations.

In closing may I express my sincere thanks for the cooperation I have received.

REPORT OR THE BARNSTABLE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

F. L. MOORE, M. D.

There was little change in the routine physical examinations of school children during the present year. As in past years, we attempted successfully to have the parents of children who were to enter school in September bring them to clinics which were held early in the spring. This year, this department secured the services of Dr. Gerald Hoeffel, Truro pediatrician, to carry out the physical examinations. Mrs. Helen Pierce, School Nurse, is to be commended for her successful organization of these clinics.

Immunizations against diphtheria and tetanus were given school children on the written request of parents.

This year, we were able to carry out the fluorine treatment on children's teeth during the summer months at clinics held at the office of the town nurse.

Some concern was caused during the year by a regulation adopted by the Massachusetts Departments of Health and Education requiring that children returning to school after being absent five consecutive days because of illness be seen by a physician. We were opposed to this regulation believing that it served little purpose, and was a burden on both the parents and the family physician. We believed that any useful result could be obtained in other ways. This regulation has since been repealed.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE GEORGE ROGERS

I herewith submit my annual report as Supervisor of Attendance for the year 1953.

Number of investigations	220
Number of truants returned	6
Number of truants not returned	15
Number of absentees from sickness	69
Number of absentees from other causes	130

GRADUATION PROGRAM

Processional, Pomp and Chivalry Charles Roberts
P. H. S. Orchestra
Invocation Rev. Francis M. Coady
Out of the Wilderness Paul Cook
No Man is an Island Joan Whitney, Alex Kramer
P. H. S. Chorus
The World as the Youth of Today See It
Yvonne Roderick
Selection: Entrance of the Sardan from
Caucasian Sketches Ippolitov-Ivanov
P. H. S. Orchestra
Overcoming Prejudice Conrad Malicoat
Gold and Silver Waltz Franz Lehar
P. H. S. Chorus
Today's Youth Elaine K. Ferreira
I Believe Irving Graham, Jimmy Shire, Al Stillman
P. H. S. Chorus
Presentation of Diplomas
Francis J. Alves, Chairman School Committee
Benediction Rev. Harold M. M. Nicholas
Recessional: March of Progress Herfurth
P. H. S. Orchestra

Class Officers

Paul Cook	President
Yvonne Roderick	Vice President
Elaine K. Ferreira	Secretary
Marguerite Meads	Treasurer
Miss Kathleen J. Medeiros	Class Advisor

National Honor Society

Paul Cook	Conrad Malicoat
Yvonne Roderick	Elaine K. Ferreira
Leadership—Scholarship—Service	

Class Colors

Green and White

Class Motto

"Our toil has been joy to us, for we have won success"

Student Council Members

Loretta Steele	Paul Chapman
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Graduates

Kenneth Weed Atkins
Robert Steven Carter
Paul Philip Chapman
Paul Irving Cook
Barry Francis Carreiro
Robert Joseph Days
Francis Thomas DeMello
Elaine Kathleen Ferreira
Elaine Mae Ferreira
Lillian Ann Grozier
Nancy Jean Guilfoyle
William Paul Henrique
Richard Hopwood
Manuel Howard Jason, Jr.
Inez Clayton Macara
Conrad Haven Malicoat
Josephine Emily Marshall
Robert Joseph Martin
Marguerite Shirley Meads
Donald Loyd Morris
Marilyn Bernadette Motta
David James Murphy, Jr.
Louise Alice Oliver
Joseph Tarvis Patrick
Eileen Joyce Perry
Patricia Joanna Phillips
Carol Ann Rego
Margaret Katherine Rich
Jean Frances Roda
Ronald Arthur Roderick
Yvonne Joyce Roderick
Kathleen Bernice Silva
Loretta Ann Steele

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